

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Date/Time:

Monday, Feb. 11, 2019 – 7:45pm

Lisa Skoglund chairing the meeting in absence of Chairman Hanrahan

Meeting Location:

Executive Council Chambers - 2nd Floor, 12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale

Open Public Meeting Statement:

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Bergen Record and/or The Ridgewood News, informing the public of the time and place according to the provision of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L. 1976)

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairwoman Lisa Skoglund

Roll Call:

Carly De La Hoz (A), Daniel Eichhorn (A), Chairman Robert Hanrahan (A), Mairead Jensen (P), Richard Johnson (P), Melinda Kelly(P), Randall Preston (P), Lisa Skoglund (P), Planning Board Liaison Robert Zitelli (P), Council Liaison Dieter Koelling (A)

Approval of Minutes – January minutes - A motion to approve was made by R. Johnson and seconded by R. Preston.

Meeting Opened to Public Agenda & Non – Agenda Items – A motion to open was made by R. Johnson and seconded by R. Zitelli.

Meeting Closed to Public - Motion to close by R. Johnson and seconded by R. Preston.

Communication/Correspondence:

- **Feb. 26, 2019 - Executive Conference Room 6pm**: Chairman Hanrahan will be presenting the 2019 EC budget to Mayor & Council. All Environmental Commission (EC) Members are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting. Secretary to send reminder email.
- Mar 2, 2019 – ANJEC Fundamentals of EC Training Class 9am – 1:30pm
Class is free. Register online or call 973-539-7547
Certificate of completion will be issued to participants.
Location: Fair Lawn Community Center
20-10 20th Street
Fair Lawn, NJ
- 2019 Grants – Last year, Kari Solomon assisted the EC with grant applications, Unsure if she is available to help this year, will check with Chairman Hanrahan.

New Business:

Old Business:

Clean Up Day:

- **Scheduled for April 13, 9am-12pm.** The Clean Up Day Flyer will be in the February and March Newsletter.
- EC will get flyers posted among the community. Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts will be involved in distribution of flyers.
- Idea presented by Lisa Skoglund to purchase a reusable bag (when folded, bag will fit inside of car glove compartment), and distribute these bags to participants in lieu of a reusable water bottle. Would like the Montvale logo to be printed on these bags. This idea was well received by EC members present. Lisa to check with Chairman as to the amount of funds budgeted for purchase of bags.
- Planning for light breakfast same as last year, Chairman has already requested buttered bagels, water and cups from Wegmans.
- Bergen County to provide T-Shirts and some giveaways to volunteers.

Trail Fund Raising:

- Mairead presented the following fundraising ideas:
 1. A 5k run, beginning and ending at Memorial School/Drive. Discussion ensued to check with PBA or Woodcliff Lake, as they have a template that EC can use.
 2. Asking a restaurant in town to donate a portion of their sales on a given date with proceeds going towards the Trail.
 3. Similar ideas as above, except hosting a bowling night at Montvale Lanes.
 4. Any event in order to be successful, must have a presale of tickets in advance.

Plastic Bag Initiative:

- Lisa Skoglund spoke on behalf of Carly De La Hoz in reference to her investigation on the curbing of plastic bags.
- The state of NJ is considering legislation; however, they look towards trends at the municipal level before creating a statewide ban.
- Just three years ago, only one municipality had a resolution in place to ban the use of plastic bags; Today, that number has increased to twenty.
- Styrofoam cups are being phased out by 2020 at Dunkin Donuts
- Paper straws will replace plastic at Starbucks by 2020. Other fast food chains to follow.
- ANJEC has provided a model Plastic Bag Pollution Reduction Ordinance, which EC can use as a reference.
- Chairman Hanrahan and Carly to meet with Wegmans Sustainability team.

Council Liaison Koelling Report – Absent

Planning Board Liaison Zitelli Report – No report at this time, as Planning Board has not met since last EC meeting.

Adjournment- At 8:50 pm a motion to adjourn was made by R. Johnson and seconded by R. Preston all in favor stating aye.