

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Date/Time:

Monday, Apr. 15, 2019 – 7:45pm

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: Chairman Hanrahan

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Minutes –March minutes - A motion to approve was made by L. Skoglund and seconded by M. Jensen.

Meeting Opened to Public Agenda & Non – Agenda Items – A motion to open was made by L. Skoglund and seconded by R. Zitelli. Montvale resident, Ms. Allison Jabrosky attended the meeting. She is interested in environmental issues and may consider joining the EC, as there is a second alternate position open.

Meeting Closed to Public - Motion to close by R. Zitelli and seconded by L. Skoglund.

Communication/Correspondence: Chairman Hanrahan on behalf of the EC has applied for the following Grants to date: Rails to Trails, ANJEC, NJ State Clean Water and Bergen County Clean Communities Mini Grant.

New Business:**Montvale Recreation Spring Fling Event**

- The EC will man a table at the Spring Fling which we be held Saturday, May 4th from 10am-12pm at Fieldstone. Mairead has offered to help. The Secretary will email EC to query if someone can join Mairead. The purpose is to promote what we do as the EC, and to educate the community at large. Chairman will have handouts and flyers focusing on EC accomplishments and future areas of interest.

Old Business:

Clean Up Day:

- Clean Up Day was a big success, over 100 volunteers!
- Twelve designated sites were cleaned, including the Environmental Learning Center which was tended to by Troop 334.
- Thank you to Wegmans and Dunkin Donuts for providing a light breakfast.
- Big thank you to Montvale Seniors and all of our hard-working volunteers.
- Some suggestions for next year: 5 tables, block off parking spaces in front of Red Shed with traffic barricades. Secure Adult Leaders prior to Clean Up Day and possibly reach out to some of the larger corporations to seek their participation.

Plastic Bag Initiative:

- Chairman Hanrahan reported, that upon meeting with Wegmans, they would ask that we educate the public in regards to plastic bags and the harm they cause to our environment. This is still ongoing and an important topic at the state level as well.
- Bob Zitelli proposes the Mayor's Newsletter features an article about plastic bags and the importance of the ban. A number of NJ towns have a plastic bag ordinance in effect.
- Lisa Skoglund suggests targeting Montvale residents at the upcoming Spring Fling to educate the public and prepare them for a possible ban on plastic bags.

Pascack Trail

- Boswell Engineering has completed the Site Survey.
- Chairman will meet with four Bayberry homeowners to discuss screening choices, and further address any concerns.

Huff Pond

- Investment needs to be made, as the pond is in a state of disrepair.
- Chairman will contact Bergen County (BC) DPW to ask them to clean the inlet pipe. Basic cleaning will help water flow and mosquito problem for the short term.
- BC to stock Huff pond in late April with Fathead Minnows for mosquito control.
- Work on the pond should commence in late Fall 2019, if funding is secured.

EC Activity List

- Chairman Hanrahan reviewed the EC Activity list which is on file.

Council Liaison Koelling Report – Councilman Koelling absent.

Planning Board Liaison Zitelli Report – Mr. Zitelli reported that the concept for Phase 1 of the Triboro project (old Mercedes property), was approved by the Planning board. Hornrock is still being discussed and is challenging due to involvement of three towns.

Adjournment- At 9:00 pm a motion to adjourn was made by L. Skoglund and seconded by M. Jensen all in favor stating aye.