

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Date/Time:

Monday October 21, 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:

Lisa DePellegrini (P), Daniel Eichhorn (P), Chairman Robert Hanrahan (P), Mairead Jensen (A), Richard Johnson (A), Randall Preston (P), Lisa Skoglund (P), Vicki Solis (P), Planning Board Liaison Robert Zitelli (P), Council Liaison Dieter Koelling (P), Secretary Lisa Anastasio (P).

Approval of Minutes –September Minutes - A motion to approve was made by R. Zitelli and seconded by Preston.

Meeting Opened to Public Agenda & Non-Agenda Items – A motion to open was made by L. Skoglund and seconded by D. Eichhorn.

Members of the Public Present: Elizabeth Gloegger and her daughter, Ettie Eggers were present. Ettie gave the EC an update on the Plastic Bag Recycling program at Fieldstone and Memorial schools. Fieldstone is doing very well with the collection. At Memorial School, the Trex container may be moved to a more visible location to ensure greater collection.

Mr. Mike Kelly from Boswell Engineering was also present and discussed the Pascack Trail and Huff Pond. (see Pascack Trail and Huff updates under Old Business).

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

Communication/Correspondence: Chairman Hanrahan and the EC welcome our two new members, Lisa DePellegrini and Vicki Solis.

New Business:

2020 EC Meeting Dates and 2020 Budget

- Environmental Commission dates for 2020: 1/13, 2/10, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, 6/15, 7/20, 8/17, 9/21, 10/19, 11/16. Motion made by D. Eichhorn and seconded by R. Zitelli. Secretary took roll call. All ayes.
- 2020 Budget – Chairman Hanrahan will email the EC detailing defined areas beyond the scope of the Pascack Valley DPW, which require ongoing maintenance. Funds will need to be budgeted for this purpose.

Old Business:

Day in the Park

- Day in the Park was on Saturday Sept. 21, 2019 from 3pm to 7pm. There was a great turnout, and the EC table attracted a good volume of interest from the public. The new EC banner was on full display. EC wishes to thank D. Eichhorn, R. Zitelli and R. Preston for volunteering to staff the EC table during the event.

Kingspoint Trail

- No updates at this time. Waiting for Planning Board to respond to letter drafted by the EC and Chairman Hanrahan, after EC reviewed site plan in September 2019.

Montvale Plastic Bag Program

- The plastic bag recycling program has been very successful, and is only in its fifth week since the program kicked off on September 15, 2019.
- Help is needed in collection areas at Library lobby and the Recycling center. A great deal of volume at these two sights. Approximately 350lbs of plastic has been collected in total from all six drop off locations.

Pascack Trail

- Mr. Mike Kelly from Boswell Engineering was present during the October 21, 2019 meeting, reviewed the Pascack Trail and Huff Pond projects.
- Surveying is complete and will go to DEP by December 1, 2019.
- Permits in hand by March 1, 2020.
- Trail is 6-foot-wide, which will accommodate Police ATV access.
- Natural edging is one of the considerations discussed to mark the trail border, nothing has been decided; EC will review options.
- Trail Head will be moved to the south side of the Gate on Memorial Dr. Additionally the centerline of the Trail will be slightly backed away from rear

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properties on Bayberry Dr. Screening will be discussed with neighboring properties. Councilman Arendacs is helping by organizing with the Bayberry residents.

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- Installation of a pipe that would cross the Trail to Pascack Brook. Boswell will provide a detailed design for this pipe installation and will solicit quotes once permits are received.

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Huff Pond

- Pond will be dredged and soil removed will be tested. Bergen County Mosquito Control can be involved with the dredging; however, this may take longer as subjected to availability of BCMC.
- If soil is clean, it can be stored or dispersed at the old Swim Club property.
- If soil is found to be contaminated, the DEP will advise. Chairman Hanrahan mentioned this worst-case scenario has been budgeted for.
- Mr. Kelly says the pipe that goes from Pascack Brook to Huff Pond needs to be pitched, in order to control the water level and assist with the algae problem. A pump system will maintain better water quality in the pond, but it will be costly and require routine maintenance. Mr. Kelly can look into this and report back to the EC.
- Boswell Engineering will be providing scheduling of DEP permits.

Council Liaison Koelling Report – Councilman Koelling did not have an update for the EC at this time.

Planning Board Liaison Zitelli Report – Mr. Zitelli reported seven single family homes proposed on a 6-acre lot located on Magnolia Ave. Residents in the area concerned with water and drainage issues. Engineers will be reviewing the site plans.

Adjournment- At 9:30 pm a motion to adjourn was made by L. Skoglund and seconded by D. Eichhorn all in favor stating aye.