

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Date/Time:

Monday February 10, 2020– 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 (phoned in), Richard Johnson (A), Randall Preston (P), Lisa Skoglund (P), Vicki Solis (P), Planning Board Liaison Robert Zitelli (P), Council Liaison Chris Roche (P), Secretary Lisa Anastasio (P).

Approval of Minutes –January 2020 Minutes - A motion to approve was made by L. Skoglund and seconded by D. Eichhorn.

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

Members of the Public Present: Montvale resident Kari Solomon is in attendance.

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

Communication/Correspondence: Chairman Hanrahan will be presenting the EC 2020 Budget to Mayor and Council on February 11, 2020 at 6pm. Chairman briefly reviewed some of the pertinent line items with the EC members.

Chairman Hanrahan has also been compiling a spreadsheet that will be called, “Friends of the EC”; the list contains volunteers whom the EC can reach out to for assistance with its many community-based projects. The intention is to keep this list growing. Councilman Roche recently announced at a Mayor and Council meeting that the EC is actively seeking volunteers.

New Business:

Memorial Drive Investment

- Chairman Hanrahan is part of an exploratory committee whose purpose is to focus on the needs of the Montvale community. The EC is in favor of preserving green space, and promoting outdoor activities that could be enjoyed by residents of all ages. Chairman will share the EC's viewpoint with committee members at his next meeting.

Old Business:

Clean Up Day

- Vicki Solis and Lisa DePellegrini will pick up the bagels, gallons of water and paper goods from Wegmans by 8am on April 18th.
- Clean Up Day is scheduled for April 18, 2020. The flyer will be published in the February, March and April Newsletters, and simultaneously on the Montvale Facebook page. It was further suggested that the flyer should be distributed in the "Wednesday school backpack." Secretary will reach out to Montvale Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Petersen.
- Chairman Hanrahan will reach out in March to the Pascack Valley DPW for traffic cones, tables and chairs for Clean Up Day. Additional details to follow as the event draws near.
- A revised Hold Harmless was drafted by the Borough Attorney and will be distributed via email to Boy and Girl Scout troops before April 18. The intent is to have the forms completed prior to the event.
- All volunteers are asked to report to the Red Shed by 9:00 am on April 18th.

Pascack Trail

- The EC is waiting to hear for DEP approval regarding the Pascack Trail.
- Looking for an Eagle Scout who would like to dedicate his project to blazing and leveling the Trail.
- Trail blazing may begin May or June 2020, depending on DEP permit approval schedule.
- Professionals from the NY/NJ Trail Conference will provide classes to the EC and community volunteers on Trail maintenance.

Montvale Plastic Bag Update

- The Montvale Plastic Bag Recycling continues to be a great success! As of February 10, 2020, **2,172 pounds** of plastic bags have been delivered to Trex.
- As much as the EC is excited by the outpouring of recycling by Montvale residents, they wish to address the bigger issue, which is to educate the public in ways to reduce and eventually eliminate their use of plastic bags.
- A new Recycling Coach application is available for residents. This free application provides curb side collection information such as schedules, notifications, and recycling guidelines.

Huff Pond

- The EC reviewed Site Plan No. MV-601 dated Feb. 3, 2020 which was prepared by Boswell Engineering, Hackensack, NJ.
- The plan was reviewed, and the EC would like the following changes to be noted on the plan:
 - a) update the Huff Pond drawing to show the new location for the soil pile to be housed near recycling center.
 - b) change the construction vehicle access location from where its currently shown to the south side of the pond, north side of the DPW building parking area with removal of sufficient fencing in the area to accommodate admittance.
- Chairman Hanrahan called for a motion to accept the Huff Pond plan dated Feb. 3, 2020, with the above noted changes and to move forward with DEP applications. The motion was seconded by L. Skoglund. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Council Liaison Roche Report – No report.

Planning Board Liaison Zitelli Report – Large project examinations have been moved by the Planning Board to next month 's meeting.

Adjournment- At 9:50 pm a motion to adjourn was made by L. Skoglund and seconded by D. Eichhorn all in favor stating aye.