

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

**Meeting Date/Time:** Monday July 20, 2020– 7:45pm

**Meeting Location:** [www.webex.com](http://www.webex.com)

### **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)

### **Roll Call:**

**Members:** Lisa De Pellegrini(P), Daniel Eichhorn(P), Chairman Robert Hanrahan(P), Mairead Jensen(P), Randall Preston(P), Lisa Skoglund(P), Vicki Solis(P), Planning Board Liaison/Member Robert Zitelli(P) & Council Liaison Christopher Roche(P)

**Approval of Minutes :** June 15, 2020 Minutes - A motion to approve was made by R. Preston, and seconded by V. Solis.

**Meeting Opened to Public Agenda & Non-agenda Items:** A motion to open was made by D. Eichorn and seconded by R. Preston.

**Meeting Closed to Public Motion:** Motion to close by V. Solis and seconded by L. Skoglund.

### **Communication/Correspondence:**

### **New Business:**

- Pascack Trail Fence Selection  
Discussion resulted in a motion to agree upon a 6' chain link vinyl coated privacy fence between the 4 Bayberry residents (as described on latest trail drawings). Unanimous roll call vote to install 6' privacy fence in either green or black. All agreed to obtain further color input from the neighbors at the meeting on Aug 1.
- New Community Project Ideas (Lisa DePellegrini)  
Lisa presented ideas regarding community participation including the following:
  - Signage generation for the Pascack Trail (interest by V. Solis and M. Jensen)
  - Trail Marking (interest by V. Solis)
  - Garbage reduction by use of composite (concern by C. Roche regarding rodents and disease. Would require consultation with Animal Control)
  - Bat Houses or a Mason Bee house - education for community on environmental benefits
  - Environmental walks (Interest by V. Solis and M. Jensen)
  - Invasive and native flora education (Interest by R. Preston)
  - Bee Education Program (L. Skoglund interested in driving)
  - Recycling (R. Zitelli to investigate further)

Commissioner encourages commission to seek out feedback and assistance from community members.

**Old Business:**

- Pascack Trail – EC Approved yet Borough didn't yet receive paperwork
- Huff Pond – Waiting for DEP response, delays based on Covid situation - DEP furloughs etc. The DPW is removing shed and debris from the area. This work will be complete prior to August 1.
- Montvale Plastic Bag Recycling Update – Didn't yet turn Trex back on, seeking out a way to transport plastic to the Trex depot
- Clean Up Day - The Commissioner confirmed the date of Sept. 19, 2020 for Clean Up Day. If permissible, it is the hope of the EC that this event will take place.

**Council Liaison Report – Chris Roche**

- Discussion of DPW transporting plastic bags

**Planning Board Report – Bob Zitelli**

- Last meeting was July 7
- Discussion of the Waypoint Development project. Proposal for a residential development consisting of 110 one bedroom units and 60 two bedroom units on Summit Avenue, a portion of which would be affordable.
- Feedback given from the community

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by R. Zitelli and seconded by M. Jensen all in favor stating aye.

**Next EC Meeting will be on Monday August 17, 2020.**