

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

### Meeting Date/Time:

Monday Aug 17, 2020– 7:45pm

**Meeting Location:** Go to [www.webex.com](http://www.webex.com) click JOIN and enter the meeting number shown below.

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### 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 (A), Chairman Robert Hanrahan (P), Mairead Jensen (A), Randall Preston (P), Lisa Skoglund (A), Vicki Solis (P), Planning Board Liaison/Member Robert Zitelli (P) & Council Liaison Christopher Roche (A)

**Approval of Minutes** – July 20, 2020 Minutes- A motion to approve was made by R. Zitelli, and seconded by R. Preston.

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

**Meeting Closed to Public:** Motion to close was made by R. Zitelli and seconded by V. Solis.

### Communication/Correspondence:

**New Business:** No new business at present.

### Old Business:

- New Community Project Ideas/Update (Lisa DePellegrini)
  - Bee Education Program - L. DePellegrini will collaborate with L. Skoglund
- Pascack Trail – August 1<sup>st</sup> clean up event with Boyscout Troop 334. EC commission members in attendance: R. Preston and R. Hanrahan. In collaboration with Steve Rich, local volunteer, cleared trail of trip hazards, leveled area and deposited wood chips as needed. The trail is six feet wide and half a mile long. Headwall will be installed within 2 to 3 weeks. Signage and

headwall installation completion by end of September. *Kick off* of trail will include ½ mile nature walk and encompass 1 mile loop total.

- Huff Pond – Currently awaiting approval. Concerns of hazardous algae bloom (HAB) in Huff pond. Commissioner R. Hanrahan will order a current test of the water.
  - Suggested solution: Chemical application. Need DEP to approval. Commissioner R. Hanrahan verified funds are available to see project through completion.
- Montvale Plastic Bag Recycling Update – Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 334 member Varun Gowthaman on the completion of his Eagle Scout project enclosing the collection area for the plastic bags with fencing.
- Trex Project: We require a proper process to transport bags to depot on a regularly scheduled basis. Requesting volunteers (2 or 3 people). R. Preston suggests asking new waste management company to assist with transportation of bags.
- Clean Up Day – scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 – R. Hanrahan suggest a postponement until further notice due to covid restrictions.  
R. Hanrahan with check with Mayor Ghassali for further consideration of the matter and follow his lead.

Commissioner Hanrahan encourage the EC members to collaborate with team members on community projects prior to next meeting.

- Recap from July 20, 2020 EC meeting on community projects:
  - M. Jensen working on signage for trails.
  - V. Solis interest in establishing trail marking – community education.
  - L. DePellegrini and V. Solis have background on garbage reduction – use of compost.
  - Bat Houses - Girls scouts have inquired with interest. We currently have close to 8 bat houses from a previous project. Locations: Environmental walkway near Borough Hall and Huff Pond.
  - Environmental walks
  - Native and invasive flora and fauna – R. Preston has background on invasive species.
  - L. Skoglund – Beekeeper
  - R. Zitelli – Recycling – suggestion of separating plastic/aluminum/glass to encourage reduction in costs/increased revenue.

### **Planning Board Report – Bob Zitelli**

- The last meeting was canceled due the storm. The July 7, 2020 meeting discussed continuing of the Wade Point application.  
A portion of the location is wetlands and undevelopable. Discussing options to manage location.
- Next meeting 8/18/2020

**Adjournment** - A motion to adjourn was made by R. Zitelli and seconded by L. DePellegrini all in favor stating aye.

**Next EC Meeting will be on Monday Sept 21, 2020.**