

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Date/Time: Monday June 15, 2020 – 7:45pm

Meeting Location: Webnex online virtual conference meeting

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:

Lisa DePellegrini (P), Daniel Eichhorn (P), Chairman Robert Hanrahan (P), Mairead Jensen (P), 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 – May 18, 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 L. Skoglund and seconded by R. Preston.

Members of the Public Present: None

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

Communication/Correspondence: A 10'x 10' portable steel canopy was purchased for the EC to be used at community events. The canopy is currently stored inside the Montvale police garage.

New Business: No new business at this time.

Old Business:

Pascack Trail

- The DEP has the application for the Trail. There have been some delays due to the pandemic. Hoping to see DEP approval shortly.
- Manual clearing of the Trail has already begun. Dead trees and large debris have been removed from the path. Wood chips will be used on the path.
- Chairman will reach out to the Friends of the Montvale Environmental Commission for help with the additional trail work that needs to be completed.

- Chairman is working on obtaining quotes for the vinyl privacy fence that was discussed with the Bayberry neighbors. Another meeting will take place with the neighbors once all of the details are determined.

Huff Pond

- DEP is reviewing the application for Huff Pond restoration. We are expecting comments from the DEP, as there has been some delay due to Covid 19.

Montvale Plastic Bag Update

- Thank you to Randy Preston for continuing to clean up the plastic bag collection zone at the Recycling Center, and for transportation of the bags to the drop off location in Nanuet, NY.
- Discussion ensued amongst the EC members with ideas on how to transport the large number of bags to the drop off location, as this is more than a one-person job.
- Can the PVDPW help the EC out with delivery of the recycled bags? Councilman Roche will inquire on behalf of EC, if this is possible.
- Reach out to the Friends of the EC for volunteers. Maybe someone with a truck could assist with the hauling of the plastic bags?
- The EC was polled and it was decided that the Montvale Plastic Bag Recycling Program will commence at two locations: Montvale Recycling Center and the Montvale Library lobby. All other locations, at this point, are closed to the public.
- Chairman Hanrahan and Vicki Solis will continue to collect and maintain the plastic bags recycled in the library lobby.

EC Activity List

- Chairman Hanrahan reviewed the Activity List with the EC members. He asked the EC members if there are activities that they would like to see the Environmental Commission become involved in.
- Chairman asked the members to email him with their ideas, recommendations and suggestions.
- The powers and duties as outlines in the Montvale EC related code were also reviewed, as were the ANJEC EC guidelines.

Council Liaison Roche Report – Chairman Hanrahan asked Councilman Roche if he would follow up on the question posed earlier, which was to determine if the PVDPW can assist with delivering the recycled bags to the Nanuet drop off location. Councilman Roche responded he would email Councilman Arendacs, as he is the DPW liaison.

Planning Board Liaison Zitelli Report – Mr. Zitelli stated that a single-family home

located at 26 North Kinderkamack Rd, was purchased by the Borough. It will be converted into two affordable housing units. City MD urgent care center will be coming to the Wegmans shopping center this October. Chairman Hanrahan asked Mr. Zitelli if he could attend the July Planning Board meeting, in which Mr. Zitelli replied yes.

Adjournment- At 9:30 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by L. Skoglund and seconded by R. Zitelli all in favor stating aye.