

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA

### Meeting Date/Time:

Monday, December 12, 2022 – 7:45pm

### Meeting Location: Zoom and Borough Hall

### Join Zoom Meeting

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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), Chairman Robert Hanrahan(A), Mairead Jensen(A), Randall Preston(P), Lisa Skoglund(P), Antonio Vozzolo(P), Michelle Zink-Jojic(P), Planning Board Liaison/Member Robert Zitelli(A) & Council Liaison Christopher Roche(A)

**Approval of Minutes** – November 14, 2022 - A motion to approve was made by M. Zink-Jojic and seconded by L. De Pellegrini.

**Meeting Opened to Public Agenda & Non – Agenda Items** - A motion to open the meeting was made by M. Zink and seconded by L. De Pellegrini.

**Meeting Closed to Public** - A motion to close the meeting was made by M. Zink and seconded by L. De Pellegrini.

**Communication/Correspondence:** No new communication to report

### New Business:

- Donation of Bench on Memorial Trail
  - A bench is being donated in memory of a loved one by a Montvale family.

### Old Business:

- Community Project Update (Lisa De Pellegrini)
  - Update on Bat Education Project (Lisa De Pellegrini) no news to report
  - Update on Pollinator Garden Project (Lisa De Pellegrini) no news to report
- Pascack Trail/Huff Pond Update (Robert Hanrahan) not present
- Montvale Plastic Bag Recycling Update (Randy Preston/Mairead Jensen)
  - Volume of incoming plastics has decreased from what it was prior to the NJ Plastic bag ban.
  - Currently the plastic drop for the Trex program is 5 to 6 large bags weekly.
  - Wegmans in Montvale is now an approved Trex plastic drop location.

- Electric Vehicle Update (Lisa Skoglund/Antonio Vozzolo)
  - Will be meeting with C. Roche and R. Hanrahan to go through current borough vehicle inventory and ascertain what should be replaced first.
- Community Garden Update (Robert Hanrahan) not present
- Open Spaces and Recreation Plan (Mairead Jensen/Robert Hanrahan) not present
- Environmental Resource Inventory (Robert Hanrahan/Lisa Skoglund)
  - We have Barbara Davis of the NJ Land Conservancy working on this project.
  - Please review emails from R. Hanrahan with details and guidance.
  - B. Davis provided us with 3 examples (Verona, Roselle Park and Ridgewood) of ERIs that the Land Conservancy provided for other towns. Good depiction of their work and what we could be including in the Montvale ERI.
  - L. Skoglund suggested to EC members to first review Ridgewood's ERI which was embedded in their master plan and then compare to Verona and Roselle Park ERIs.
  - L. Skoglund suggested to EC members that we could each concentrate on different portions of the ERI for maximum efficiency in reviewing and making recommendations for the Montvale ERI.
  - Recommends to EC members to concentrate on the portions/subjects that are relevant to work each member is currently taking the lead on for EC initiatives, i.e. bicycle paths and electric vehicles, geology and hydrology, Category One, Riparian zones and wetlands, Tree City, solar energy/renewable participation, etc. Divide and conquer.
  - Goal for completion of ERI is April/May 2023.
  - Please review carefully prior to the January 9<sup>th</sup> EC meeting so that we can provide B. Davis with as much input as possible.
- Summit Avenue Open Space Land Purchase (Robert Hanrahan/Chris Roche) not present
- Bicycle and Walking Plan (Antonio Vozzolo)
  - Appointment was scheduled to meet with a DOT liaison.
  - Due to the holiday the appointment will be pushed back past January.
  - R. Preston stated that Governor Murphy signed a bill allocating money for bicycle paths in New Jersey. Suggests there may be some money available with this new bill that we could apply for.
- Tree City Signage (Robert Hanrahan/Randy Preston)
  - Have not solidified locations but plan is to have them identified and marked out for the DPW in 2023.
- Communication about Tree Ordinance to New Families/ New Resident Welcome Mailer (Robert Hanrahan) – not present
- New Community Center discussion (Robert Hanrahan/Chris Roche) – not present
- Repair of Environmental Learning Center, trail discussion (Robert Hanrahan) – not present
- Category One, Riparian Zone and Wetland Protection Ordinance Discussion (Robert Hanrahan) – not present

**Council Liaison Report – Chris Roche – not present**

**Planning Board Report – Bob Zitelli – not present**

**Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by M. Zink-Jojic and seconded by R. Preston all in favor stating aye.**

**Next EC Meeting will be on Monday, January 9, 2023**