

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

March 18, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order by Chairman Michael Ticktin on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

The Roll was called by Secretary, Maria Dellasala

ROLL CALL:

Present: Michael Ticktin, Lawrence Mendies, Kathleen Murphy, Dave Teich, Hilary Wilder, Tim Hartley arrives at 7:04pm

Absent: Maureen Parrott, Kathleen Murphy

ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING STATEMENT: Adequate notice of this meeting has been given, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, by notices published in the Asbury Park Press and the Trenton Times on December 31, 2025 and posted on the bulletin boards in the Borough Hall and at the Roosevelt Post Office.

Environmental Commission Mission Statement

1. To protect, preserve, and enhance the natural environment within our jurisdiction.
2. To promote sustainable practices and responsible resource management for the benefit of present and future generations.
3. To Advocate for environmental justice, ensuring equitable access to clean air, water, and a healthy environment for all communities.

Goals: Short term goals for the next 18 months approved (approved by EC on 11/15/23)

Environmental Education and Outreach of these subjects:

1. Forever Chemicals are PFAS chemicals that disrupt the immune system and are carcinogenic.
2. Investigate Community Solar or other programs that allow households to use renewable energy without installing solar panels on their homes. Learn more about Clean Choice energy which allows a resident to select renewable energy as the source of energy for their home. Present results at a community meeting.
3. Advocate for safe and responsible waste management practices. Partnering with the Recycle Coordinator to get more information out on what is recyclable. Also encourage use of eco-friendly products

Dave Teich reads Land and People Acknowledgement

The land and waterways upon which the residents of the Borough of Roosevelt gather and live are the ancestral Lenapehoking territory of the Lenni-Lenape nation. We honor the contributions of their ancestors, those now in the diaspora, and the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape, Ramapough Lenape and Powhatan Renape who continue to live in the areas we call New Jersey. We honor

this ancestral land of the Lenni-Lenape Nation. May we live in harmony, caring for this sacred land.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made by Lawrence Mendies to approve the agenda and second was made by Dave Teich. Agenda was unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA:

Chairman Ticktin opens the meeting to the public for comments on the agenda at: 7:02pm.

No Public Comment

Chairman Ticktin closes the meeting to the public for comments on the agenda at: 7:02pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 25, 2026 – Dave Teich made a motion to approve the February 25, 2026, minutes with a second from Lawrence Mendies. Minutes were unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **ANJEC** – 2026 Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions, Zoom Webinar, March 24, March 25 & March 26 all at 7:00pm
2. **ANJEC** – 2026 Environmental Commission Grants for Open Space Stewardship Projects. Deadline April 13, 2026
3. **Sustainable Jersey** – Registration is open for the 2026 NJ Sustainability Summit
4. **ANJEC** – March 2026 Monthly Digest
5. **Sustainable Jersey** – Municipal Certification
6. **ANJEC** – 2026 Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions, Virtual March 24, 25 & 26

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: No Report.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON: No Report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- Administrative – No Report, we will need to vote on new Vice-Chair. Tim Hartley has volunteered.
- Forest Management – Hilary Wilder reports that the grant for CMFP has opened on Monday morning., and has started the grant process and hoping to get it submitted by the end of the month. Once the grant is approved by the DEP then we can talk about bringing Kevin Scribilia on board and once he is on board we can proceed.
- Invasive Plant Species – Steve Taylor reports that he has the following trees for Arbor Day – 2 Bald Cypress, 6 Atlantic White Cedar, 1 Red Maple, 1 Sweet Birch and 3 Pitch Pines – we need to know if the mayor wants to plant. Tim Hartley suggests we come up with suggestion on where they should be planted.
- Stream Monitoring – No Report, Jane and Corki are still doing the stream monitoring.

- Sustainable Jersey – Hilary Wilder reports the Sustainable Jersey Summit takes place at the Bell Labs in Holmdel and it is worth attending. Hilary also speaks about The NJUCF Green Communities Grant: Inventory and Community Forest Management Plan Development. Tim Hartlkey makes a motion that we send the Mayor and Borough Council the resolution to adopt, with a second from Hilary Wilder. The motion was unanimously passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Beech Leaf Disease – Tim Hartley reports there has been no progress and reached out to the Assunpink but has not heard back. Hilary Wilder states on the Grant Proposal - we need this

Watershed: Hilary Wilder states the Assunpink Creek Working Group has requested Watershed Improvement Plans – there will be public information sessions, proposed dates are 3/30, 3/31, 4/1, 4/7, 4/8 and 4/9 as soon as she gets the information, she will get it to everyone. Nothing so far on the Upper Millstone Working Group.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Tim Hartley inquiries about the Assunpink Permit

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Ticktin opens the public comment at: 7:24pm.

No Public Comment

Chairman Ticktin closes the public comment at: 7:24pm.

ADJOURNMENT: **Lawrence Mendies** motioned to adjourn, **Dave Teich** offered a second. It was unanimously passed to adjourn at 7:25pm.

Maria Dellasala, Secretary