

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
CORRECTED**

June 19, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order by Chairperson Michael Ticktin on Wednesday, **June 19, 2019**, at 7:06 P.M. at the Borough Hall. The Roll was called by Secretary Ann Kassahun.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Felong, Hartley, Ticktin, Tulloss, Ashburner-Alt 2

Absent: Dermody, Monteleone, Murray

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Chair Ticktin announced that Mr. Matthew Margotta, Alt. 1, has moved for a job in Pennsylvania, therefore must resign. We have a vacancy for Alternate 1.

ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING STATEMENT:

To show that proper notice of this meeting has been given, Chairperson Michael Ticktin stated that the minutes indicate: "Adequate notice of this meeting has been given, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, by filing with the Borough Clerk, by posting on bulletin boards at the Roosevelt Borough Hall and Roosevelt Post Office, and by publication in the Times of Trenton and in the Asbury Park Press on **February 7, 2019**."

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made by Ms. Kim Felong and seconded by Ms. Mary Tulloss to approve this evening's Agenda. This was unanimously accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Ms. Mary Tulloss and seconded by Mr. Tim Hartley to approve the **May 15, 2019 minutes** with the following corrections: **On page 17**, under **Sustainable Jersey**, last sentence should be adjusted to read: **"Ms. Mary Tulloss added that our Roosevelt Public School did not win the \$2,000 grant."** **On page 19, Public Comments**, move **"Mr. Tim Hartley.....look into it further"** under topic **New Business** (for follow-up) **also on Page 19**. The May minutes were unanimously accepted with these corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chair Ticktin informed the members that on the 27th **all the Roosevelt public is invited** to come from 4:00 to 7:00 to see the work done on the Borough Hall and to celebrate Bill Counterman's retirement from our Roosevelt Post Office. There will be refreshments.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON:

Mr. Hartley said they are working on a draft of Ordinance Language for temporary storage containers. This will go to the Council. No meetings for the summer months. .

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON: Mr. Dermody was absent.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative - Chairperson Ticktin stated that we have been given the price of **\$7,000 for a Tree Inventory**. We do not have that kind of money! If the State had given us something in writing, **but they did not**, so *we could not proceed to lay out money that we do not have!* He mentioned that one of the training topics he took recently was "Tree Inventories" and it mentioned avoiding too many of the same tree or species. In 1986 we planted cherry trees at the Homestead Triangle, and now they are **all dying**. This shows the **danger of only one type of tree; variety is needed**. Having an Inventory means we know what we have and what we should plant. The question was whether we had to have a **tree specialist** to do an Inventory. **No one was sure!** The other question was what do we do with the information once we have it. We need information, but it is expensive. We could ask the Council for a yearly fund to help; however, there is limited money and we expect the School taxes to go up!

Forest Management - Mr. Nick Murray was absent. See under Administrative (above).

Invasive Plant Species - Mr. Steve Taylor was absent.

Stream Monitoring - Ms. Mary Tulloss had contacted our Watershed Ambassador a while back, but no answer yet. She has been very busy and asked for a co-partner to help her. She will check with Ms. Jane Rothfuss. She asked if anyone on this Commission would work with her on the monitoring. She did not put the usual ad in our Borough Bulletin this year due to no results in the past few years. Hopefully she, Jane Rothfuss, and her husband Rod can work on the monitoring. She did the training herself last year, can repeat. Our Mr. Ashburner said he was interested in helping; she will work with him.

Sustainable Jersey - Ms Tulloss had feedback from Sustainable Jersey for Schools that more details is needed about how students and the community would use the garden.

OLD BUSINESS:

July 4th Exhibits - Chair Ticktin will bring a table for the picnic at the school grounds and we can use the chairs from the school. Mr. Tim Hartley is interested in a recyclable game; Mary Tulloss, Kim Felong, others present will all help to make it a pleasant day for all.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sustainability Jersey Summit - Ms. Mary Tulloss attended the **Sustainability Jersey Summit at Bell Works, Holmdel, NJ**, held on June 14, 2019. About 500 people were in attendance. She reported that she attended the following sessions: (1) Spotlight: NJDEP (people much happier working for an administration that values the environment) (2) Cleaning the Recycling Stream and (3) Sun & Sparks: Community Solar and Electric Vehicles. The website <https://www.drivegreen.nj.gov/> contains a lot of information about electric vehicles. She also learned that food waste is a huge problem (40% wasted in the US and 20% of landfill waste is food while people are hungry). They stressed LOOP as a new way to shop using about 300 items, all in reusable packaging to be left on their doorstep for pick up by a delivery service for reuse. They were also cautioned to keep plastic toys out of landfills by reusing them (Second Chance Toys). Would we consider doing this on a smaller scale in Roosevelt?

Other - Members spoke about nuclear use in the future, saving our trees, bringing in some speakers to update our community. We need to think about the future. Ms. Felong has compiled data on her home computer of all the local farm stands within a five-mile radius of Roosevelt that will qualify as credits with **Sustainable Jersey**. We need some kind of documentation from the Environmental Commission to place a flyer in the Borough Bulletin. Chair Ticktin suggested that she compile it and submit it to the Borough Bulletin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, on motion by Ms. Felong and second by Ms. Tulloss, this meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Ann M. Kassahun