

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

September 16, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order by Chairperson Michael Ticktin on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:02 P.M. We were not at the Borough Hall; **this is a "Zoom" meeting**. Members adjusted their recording equipment. Chairperson Ticktin stated that all who speak should state their first and last names slowly each time before they speak, so members will know who is speaking. The Roll was called by Secretary Ann Kassahun.

ROLL CALL:

Present; Ashburner, Felong, Hartley, Ticktin, Tulloss, Silverman - Alt 1

Absent: Dermody, Murray

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 notices published in the Times of Trenton and in the Asbury Park Press on January 24, 2020 and posted on the bulletin boards in the Borough Hall and at the Roosevelt Post Office." This meeting is being conducted by "**Zoom**". Notice of this meeting was also given on the Roosevelt Borough Website."

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion to approve this Agenda was made by Ms. Mary Tulloss and second was made by Ms. Ellen Silverman. This was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Ms. Mary Tulloss and second by Mr. Sam Ashburner to approve the **August 19** minutes with some minor corrections: pg. 2 under Forest Management, lines 6, 11, 20 change "Mary Tulloss" to read "Ellen Silverman". On pg 3, under Sustainable Jersey, line 1, change "San" to "Sam". These changes were approved unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON:

Mr. Tim Hartley, Planning Board Liaison, reported there was no meeting, so no Report.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON:

The Council Liaison was not present, however our Chair Ticktin attended and reported that the Council is interested in pursuing the Bamboo Ordinance. The only issue the Mayor had was the Penalty. It is going to be re-introduced with changes as a new Ordinance at the next Council Meeting and hopefully it will be passed sometime in October. Making the Ordinance effective in March would allow it to be enforced at the time of next year's Bamboo growing season.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative - No report.

Forest Management - Mr. Sam Ashburner mentioned the Art Walk will be held on October 3rd, so they are cleaning up the area. The landscaper will be working on September 28th to clean up the Trail. While Nick Murray and Sam Ashburner were on the Trail, they discovered that the signs that Public Works had put up on the Trail were in the brook. Ms. Ellen Silverman mentioned that she heard talk about a Night Walk which she felt **IS NOT a good idea**. It was mentioned that there are also man-holes along the way which Chair Ticktin said make this a DANGEROUS situation that should not be encouraged!

Invasive Plant Species - No report.

Stream Monitoring - Ms. Mary Tulloss reported putting an advertisement in our local Bulletin asking local folks to help with stream monitoring. We have not heard anything from the Water Shed Institute, as they are not doing any Stream Monitoring Training right now. The water level had been marked a while back and a neighbor had taken pictures of a local beaver swimming, but no one seems to have seen the beaver recently.

Sustainable Jersey - Ms. Kim Felong reported that the Application was submitted on Sept.11 with many revisions. She thanked everyone who helped with this (Sam, Ellen, Mary, Steve). She said they ran into a little bit of trouble where one of our priority actions (recycling) looks like it may not be approved; but everything else looks like it will go.

Old Business - None.

New Business - None.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, on motion by Ms. Kim Felong and second by Mr. Tim Hartley, this meeting was ended unanimously at 7:34.