

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Date/Time:

Monday July 15, 2019 – 7:45pm

Meeting Location:

Executive Council Chambers - 2nd Floor, 12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale

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)

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Hanrahan

Roll Call:

Daniel Eichhorn (P), Chairman Robert Hanrahan (P), Mairead Jensen (A), Richard Johnson (A), Melinda Kelly(A), Randall Preston (P), Lisa Skoglund (A), Planning Board Liaison Robert Zitelli (A), Council Liaison Dieter Koelling (A), Secretary Lisa Anastasio (P).

Approval of Minutes – June Minutes - A motion to approve was made by R. Preston and seconded by D. Eichhorn.

Meeting Opened to Public Agenda & Non–Agenda Items – A motion to open was made by D. Eichhorn and seconded by R. Preston.

No members of the Public were present.

Meeting Closed to Public - Motion to close by D. Eichhorn and seconded by R. Preston.

Communication/Correspondence: *The Montvale Environmental Commission* received an Adopt a Beach award from New Jersey Clean Communities program in response to the EC's hard work and performance for our town wide event year after year. This award will be presented to the EC at an upcoming Mayor and Council meeting.

45 Woodland Road (Block 1401 Lot 6) : Tree Permit Application Update – A third version of the landscaping plan was recently received. Chairman inspected the property on July 15, however, still found some discrepancies. Four trees marked for removal on inspection are not depicted on the site plan. Chairman emailed applicant. Awaiting their response.

Montvale In Motion TV Video: Chairman Hanrahan will be the interviewed guest on August 1, 2019. Bob reviewed with the EC various topics and projects that he will discuss for the upcoming video.

New Business:

Summit Trail

- The EC reviewed a concept plan site provided by Waypoint. No additional information at this time.

Old Business:

Trex Plastic Bag Recycling Program

- The Trex Company sponsors a program to encourage recycling of plastic bags. If 500 lbs. of plastic is recycled, Trex provides a park bench to the Borough.
- EC to discuss logistics of drop off locations, and start date. How large are the receptacles?
- The Acme on Chestnut Ridge Rd will receive and weigh the plastic that is collected.
- A responsible person would need to be in charge at each school or location.
- R. Preston will follow up with Trex.

Pascack Trail

- The Borough of Montvale is anticipating a donation check which is earmarked for parks, trails and outdoor space. These funds should cover the expenses incurred for both the Pascack Trail and restoring Huff Pond. Chairman will speak with the Administrator to ensure that the funds will be secured for these purposes.

Huff Pond

- Chairman Hanrahan reported that Mayor Ghassali has received quite a few complaints from residents regarding how unsightly Huff Pond is, as well as the area surrounding the pond.
- The EC is aware that Huff Pond is in disrepair, and is prepared with plans for full restoration and beautification in conjunction with the Pascack Trail.
- Work on Huff Pond and Pascack Trail will commence once funds are tenable.

Annual Maintenance of Defined Locations

- To be determined.

Council Liaison Koelling Report – Councilman Koelling was absent. No report.

Planning Board Liaison Zitelli Report – Mr. Zitelli was absent. No report.

Adjournment- At 9:08 pm a motion to adjourn was made by R. Preston and seconded by D. Eichhorn all in favor stating aye.