

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Date/Time:

Monday August 19, 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 (P), Richard Johnson (A), Melinda Kelly(A), Randall Preston (P), Lisa Skoglund (A), Planning Board Liaison Robert Zitelli (P), Council Liaison Dieter Koelling (A), Secretary Lisa Anastasio (P).

Approval of Minutes – July Minutes - A motion to approve was made by D. Eichhorn and seconded by M. Jensen.

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

Members of the Public present were Montvale residents, Michael Goldman and Lisa Depelligrini. They were may be interested in serving on the EC as an Alternate Committee member. Chairman Hanrahan reviewed the responsibilities of the Alternate position.

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

Communication/Correspondence: On August 13, 2019, The Montvale Environmental Commission was recognized by the Mayor and Council for earning the Adopt A Beach Award, which was given to the EC from New Jersey Clean in response to the EC's hard work and performance for our town wide Clean Up Day event year after year. In attendance at the August 13th meeting were Chairman Hanrahan, EC Member Daniel Eichhorn, Councilman and EC Liaison, Dieter Koelling and Secretary, Lisa Anastasio.

45 Woodland Road (Block 1401 Lot 6): Tree Permit Application Update – Chairman updated the EC, as it is premature for the EC to be involved at this point. The applicant must go before the planning board first.

New Business:

Day in the Park – September 21, 3pm to 7pm

- The EC will man a table at the event.
- Secretary to reach out to Lisa Dent, to request a table and 4 chairs.
- Schedule of EC volunteers:
Dan Eichhorn and Bob Zitelli from 3pm – 5pm. Bob Hanrahan and Randy Preston, 5pm – 7pm.

New EC Environmental Commission Logo

- The EC reviewed new and very creative logos to represent the Montvale Environmental Commission.
- The EC was polled: Daniel Eichhorn, Mairead Jensen, Randall Preston, and Robert Zitelli, all ayes for the new Logo.
- A new full color banner 24” x 36” will be created using the new EC logo, so the EC will be represented when attending community based events.

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.