ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Date/Time: Monday April 20, 2020 – 7:45pm

Meeting Location: Webnex online virtual conference meeting

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)

Roll Call:

Lisa DePellegrini (P), Daniel Eichhorn (P), Chairman Robert Hanrahan (P), Mairead Jensen (A), Randall Preston (P), Lisa Skoglund (A), Vicki Solis (P), Planning Board Liaison Robert Zitelli (P), Council Liaison Chris Roche (A), Secretary Lisa Anastasio (P).

Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2020 Minutes - A motion to approve was made by R. Zitelli and seconded by V. Solis.

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: None.

Meeting Closed to Public - Motion to close by L. DePellegrini and seconded by R. Preston.

Communication/Correspondence: Chairman Hanrahan emailed Wegmans on account that Clean Up Day was canceled for April 18, 2020 due to Covid 19 restrictions. Wegmans was given the new Clean Up Day date of Sept. 19, 2020. Wegmans agreed to supply a light breakfast.

New Business: No new business at present.

Old Business:

Memorial Drive Investment

• Chairman reported no updates at this time. Budget approval on hold till late April or early May 2020. This project is just exploratory at this time and is being conducted by another committee.

Clean Up Day

- New date for Clean Up Day is proposed for Saturday, September 19, 2020. The Secretary will confirm with Carol Manhart that date is available and noted on Borough Calendar.
- Chairman notified Wegmans of the new date for Clean Up day, they will provide the food donation.

Pascack Trail

- The DEP has the application for the Trail. Approval of the application is expected soon. Any questions that the DEP might have, will be answered by Boswell in a timely manner.
- Volunteers have come forth to help with Trailblazing once DEP approval is confirmed.
- Chairman Hanrahan will petition for bids on the work needed to build the headwall, as described on page 8 of the Pascack Trail Plan dated 1.8.2020.

Montvale Plastic Bag Update

- Phase 1 of the Montvale Plastic Bag Recycling project in concert with the Trex Corporation concluded on March 16, 2020. In total 2,580.8lbs of plastic was recycled, in just six months. A park style bench was donated by the Trex Corporation to Montvale, placement of the bench will be decided at a later date.
- Phase 2 of the Montvale Plastic Bag Recycling project will commence when it is determined to be safe to begin recycling plastic bags again.

Huff Pond

- DEP has reviewed application for Huff Pond restoration. A letter outlining some deficiencies found in the application was received by the Borough on April 7, 2020.
- Boswell Engineering is currently responding to issues raised in DEP letter, and they do not anticipate any concerns moving forward.

Council Liaison Roche Report – Not present.

Planning Board Liaison Zitelli Report – Mr. Zitelli stated that the Planning Board meeting was canceled for March, and nothing new to report at this time.

Adjournment- At 8:10pm a motion to adjourn was made by R. Hanrahan and seconded by R. Zitelli all in favor stating aye.