

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

### Meeting Date/Time:

Monday November 16, 2020 – 7:45pm

### Meeting Location: Webex

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### 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:

**Members:** Lisa De Pellegrini (P), Daniel Eichhorn (P), Chairman Robert Hanrahan (P), Mairead Jensen (P), Randall Preston (P), Lisa Skoglund (A), Vicki Solis (P), Planning Board Liaison/Member Robert Zitelli (P) & Council Liaison Christopher Roche (P)

### Approval of Minutes –

**October 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes:** A motion to approve was made by R. Zitelli and seconded by V. Solis.

**November 2, 2020 Special Meeting:** A motion to approve was made by D. Eichhorn and seconded by V. Solis.

**Meeting Opened to Public Agenda & Non – Agenda Items:** A motion to open was made by R. Zitelli and seconded by M. Jensen.

**Meeting Closed to Public:** A motion to open was made by R. Zitelli and seconded by M. Jensen.

### Communication/Correspondence:

- Recycling flyer
  - Mayor Ghassali posted the flyer on his facebook page.
  - Comments from the community were positive.
  - Thank you to the Environmental Commission members for your contributions to the flyer.
  - C. Roche suggest a UPC code on the recycle buddy app. for future consideration.

**New Business:** No new business at present.

### Old Business:

- Community Project Update (L. De Pellegrini) – nothing new to report.
  - R. Hanrahan: Recommended that the Environmental Commission members pick one project to complete together. Request an EC member to collaborate with L. DePellegrini.

- Previously suggested projects: Education on bees and/or bats (bat houses).
- V. Solis to work on trail markers.
- Pascack Trail Update –
  - Headwall installed two weeks ago by Steve Rich; job was completed by backfilling and application of wood chips from the Bayberry gate to Huff Pond.
  - Thank you to Steve Rich who completed the following work as a donation and service to the community of Montvale:
    - Removal of rocks and leveling of the area where the fence is to be installed along the Bayberry properties.
    - Created a 6 foot wide path connecting the trail from Grand Avenue up past the fire house.
  - The environmental commission members and volunteers will be completing the project by installing steel edges, gravel, and stone dust.
  - Additional project to be completed will require moving of stones next to the trail and pond to improve stability of the area.
  - Two trash/recyclable containers will be installed.
  - Two benches will be installed; locations are north of the recycling Center, and in between the trail and Huff pond.
- Huff Pond Update –
  - We received the approval/permit for the soil movement and retention of soil; requires county level oversight.
  - C. Roche: Inquired about the county assisting with the dredging of Huff Pond. Commissioner Hanrahan reached out to the county to coordinate a portion of the work.
  - The announcement (overview of the project) was published for Huff Pond project bid.
  - Bids will be opened on 12/1/2020. Project contract will be awarded to the lowest bid submitted by a certified contractor. Awarded bid must meet all project specifications.
  - Date of project completion: May 17, 2020
- Montvale Plastic Bag Recycling Update – (R. Preston)
  - Thank you to Mairead Jensen for the deep dive cleaning of the area.
  - The town has been doing a good job of transporting the plastic bags to Stop and Shop.
  - Suggestion: A short video explaining the Plastic Bag Recycling program and what types of plastic bags are acceptable.

**Council Liaison Report – Chris Roche** – nothing new to report.

**Planning Board Report – Bob Zitelli**

1. West Point/Summit Avenue: Scheduled for discussion on 12/1/20.
2. Paragon Drive, installation of solar panels.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by R. Zitelli and seconded by M. Jensen all in favor stating aye.