

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date/Time:**

Monday, July 17, 2023 – 7:45pm

**Meeting Location: Zoom and Borough Hall****Join Zoom Meeting:**

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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:** Lou Baldanza(P), Lisa De Pellegrini(P), Chairman Robert Hanrahan(P), Mairead Jensen(A), Randall Preston(P), Lisa Skoglund(P), Antonio Vozzolo(P), Michelle Zink-Jojic(P), Planning Board Liaison/Member Robert Zitelli(P) & Council Liaison Christopher Roche(P)

**Approval of Minutes** – May 15, 2023 - A motion to approve was made by R. Preston and seconded by L. Baldanza.

**Meeting Opened to Public Agenda & Non – Agenda Items** - A motion to open was made by B. Zitelli and seconded by L. De Pellegrini.

**Meeting Closed to Public** - A motion to close was made by B. Zitelli and seconded by L. De Pellegrini

**Communication/Correspondence:** None

**New Business:** Work at Memorial Trail...heavy work done by Steve Rich and his machinery. EC members: Michelle Zink and Bob Hanrahan. Community member Elizabeth G. 41 Terkuile is excused due because the tree taken down is 50 feet inside the property.

**Old Business: Updates only**

Tree removal at the Memorial park: Ken Barber, Arborist...opposite of Kevin Downs. Used bore hole testing. Leave leaning tree. Quote was emailed..more to come. Joe V wants Collier to get yet another quote

Bicycle Walking Path NJDOT Planning Assistance program. Rolling application deadline. Paths to schools – paths to mass transit.

ERI has second draft with our noted changes. The first two pages now describe the ERI. Minor typos noted. Memorial Trail will be pictured and used as title.

Tree ordinance – 2017 correspondence with the lawyers of the affordable housing. The reason behind the omission of the tree ordinance applied to affordable housing is because it is illegal to place the cost on the property owner of the affordable housing unit. This must be resolved. The short term amendments are to increase the fine up to \$2000 per tree and increase the look back time to 12 months. Investigate the process of amending the ordinance – homeowner vs business.

Soil removal major/minor must come before EC

Letter from EC must be written to the Planning Board to make sure the Montvale Grove property adheres to the Tree Ordinance now that there is no affordable housing.

At a later date – subcommittee created for entire overhaul of Tree Ordinance

**Planning Board Report – Bob Zitelli:** Prelim approval for Montvale Grove property

**Council Liaison Report – Chris Roche:** None

**Adjournment**

**Next EC Meeting will be on Monday, August 21, 2023**