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April 19, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:07 P.M at the Borough Hall. Chairperson Eitan Grunwald presided and called the Roll.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Battel, Grunwald, Hartley, Murray, Tulloss, Walz, Felong (Alt-1),

Absent: Bonna, Tickin-Alt 2

Chairperson Eitan Grunwald stated: "Let the minutes show that adequate notice of this meeting as required by Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 of the Open Public Meetings Law has been provided by posting notice on the public bulletin board at the Roosevelt Post Office and Borough Hall. A copy of this notice was e-mailed to the Asbury Park Press and the Times [Trenton] for publication and filed with the Borough Clerk on January 23, 2017."

APPOINTMENT:

The *Mayor* had appointed Mr. Tim Hartley as Planning Board Representative to the Environmental Commission for the year 2017, filling vacancy created by resignation of Mr. Joe Trammell. Mr. Hartley was out of town when he accepted this appointment. The full term of this vacancy is 1/16-12/18; Planning Board Rep is appointed yearly. Mr. Hartley has returned to Roosevelt, filled in his Oath this evening, was welcomed as a member of this Commission, and will take on the added responsibility of reporting Planning Board news.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Ms. Mary Tulloss and second by Ms. Beth Battel that the Minutes of March 22, 2017 be accepted. These minutes were accepted unanimously with corrections on page 12, under Old Business, Repair/Replacement of Trail Puncheons and Markers, lines 9 and 13, change Ron Phillip to read *Ron Fillep* and on page 13, under New Business, EC Mailings, first line, "The Post Office has a service to **will** put...", omit the word "will". Abstentions were Messrs. Hartley and Grunwald.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

AGENDA CHANGE:

Chair Grunwald requested and was granted a change in this evening's Agenda, as Mr. Kevin McNally, Chair of the Planning Board, was present and is working on the Planning Board Reexamination Report, which is scheduled at the end of this evening's program. Chair Grunwald moved this item ahead of our Reports. Chair Grunwald had sent our members some paperwork to peruse and told our members to ask questions for better understanding of the work being done by the Planning Board.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

Master Plan Reexamination Report - Mr. McNally, Planning Board Chairperson, spoke to this Commission saying that the Reexamination Report is a review of the Master Plan to make recommendations to revise it in the future. Chair Grunwald asked if the revisions were done as Amendments or separate documents or incorporated into a latest revision as a single document? There have been no revisions since 2001. There have been some changes to some of the maps and zoning that have not yet been put in. Chair Grunwald mentioned incorporation of Storm Water Management Plans; he was told that those were actually annexed, but the new Master Plan has not been changed yet. Some items are incorporated by references and they are recommended to become part of the Plan. Ms. Mary Tulloss commented that this means the new Master Plan will have references of the documents which are updated, but the Plan itself doesn't have any change in it. Mr. McNally explained the Plan is not changed; recommendations are given. It was commented that maybe this information can go on the website adjacent to the Master Plan. Chair Grunwald said he can circulate paperwork to Commission members. Chair Grunwald thanked Mr. McNally for his input.

The meeting returned to its original format.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

The Planning Board is continuing to work on the Reexamination Report of the Master Plan.

REPORT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: No Report

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Forest Management - Chair Grunwald reported that the Forester, Ron Farr, has submitted a Draft Report and hopes to have a finished Report for the Environmental Commission to review at the May or June meeting. It needs revisions made and our approval; then it goes to the Borough Council and we submit it to the State of New Jersey Forestry Services for their approval which may take until the end of the year. Once they approve that and we meet a few other requirements, we then become eligible to apply for *funding* for implementation in 2018. The Plan is being submitted on behalf of the Roosevelt Environmental Commission and Public Works because much of the work is Public Works' responsibility.

Invasive Species - Mr. Steve Taylor reported that he, Michael Hamilton, and Bob Clark worked on the areas to be included in the Borough Mowing Contract. We need to schedule planting to be done, keeping in mind that it is garlic mustard season; so look for the flowers and yank them out! Ms. Sharyn Walz reported that last month they had thought about removing invasive plants near Solar Village, etc., but some of the land belongs to several entities and it got complicated to do this project dealing with various levels of owners. The group will pick another location.

Stream Monitoring/Restoration - Ms. Mary Tulloss introduced Andrew Garcia, our Watershed Ambassador, who is working with us to pick a site for April 29. There will be a lecture in the

morning, lunch, and then out to the stream between Rochdale Avenue and Tamara Drive for stream work

OLD BUSINESS:

Repair/Replacement of Trail Puncheons and Markers - Mr. Nicholas Murray reported he is working on these. Inventory was taken of the materials for puncheons. Millstone Boy Scouts worked on them some 20 years ago, numbers they put on them are *no longer* understood today, very old. Regarding markers, there is a tool to dig down for placing them along the Trail. Chair Grunwald mentioned there is a teacher who uses these guide markers to teach the local children, so we want to get them back up as soon as possible. It will help her. Also, it would be advantageous to expand the Trail guides throughout the Trail. Perhaps Nick and Diane Lowrie can help get these kinds of things up and running. Nicholas was asked when we can get the needed puncheons replaced and he hoped by May 10 for the area between N. Rochdale and N. Valley Road. Work on the opposite side of the road will be completed later.

Trail Kiosk - Chair Eitan Grunwald reminded the Commission that we have to decide how to spend the rest of the \$8,000 grant monies, which is about \$2,500. We could spend it to underwrite costs for materials and equipment to do repair work on the Trail/Park System. This would be a good use of this money. If the Commission would like to do this, we need to *submit a budget revision request* to the Recreational Trail Grant Program. He explained that he is waiting for details to request a budget revision from Ms. Diane Lowrie. A chain saw costs \$150 to \$200 and a storage shed for equipment purchased last summer, about \$500 - \$600.

Chair Grunwald spoke on using the \$2,500 for other projects. For example, (1) to apply non-slip material on the puncheons, (2) materials to replace the old ones, (3) have some equipment budget for the Trail. There was some discussion about the Trail's new kiosk being placed near the sewer plant, the feeling being that this was remote, better placement would be where there is the most traffic. Chair Grunwald added that the County looks at it as a terminal site, as a regional park, not looking at it as the "Roosevelt" Trail. They may be locked into their own grant proposal. Chair Grunwald asked members opinions and for a motion to expedite this action. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved for expenditure of up to \$1,500 for the kiosk to be placed by the end of Pine Drive OR, as our preference, on Rochdale Avenue.

Trail Vandalism - Chair Grunwald mentioned that he sent out a late e-mail that someone has been re-routing the Trail. Diane Lowrie suggested that a notice be put up at the spot where the interference is taking place, as a first step. Tell them why we closed off a portion of the Trail and re-routed, so Chair Grunwald did this. He covered the area with leaves and branches. Hopefully the person will get the message and other people will co-operate as well. He suggested that this be put into the Borough Bulletin and Face Book (combined with Bulletin) for reinforcement.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

Trees Cut Down Behind Farm Lane - Chair Grunwald mentioned that trees had been cut down on a private property on Farm Lane by neighbors. The owner complained/reported this to the Borough Council, as well as enforcement, and this needs to be investigated. Mr. Tim Hartley

spoke with Mr. Joe McGrath, Zoning Official, who will go tomorrow to check this property and its dimensions.

Sustainable Jersey Certification- Chair Grunwald said that we are hoping to submit an application in June for identification of what we are doing for earning points with them. We have to inform them in June and we have until November to complete our actions. So he and member Sharyn Walz have been meeting with Jill Lipoti to identify actions we have taken and can take, but we are shy 20 points of what we need. We are looking for two actions at 10 points each. There are many things that can be done. They require documents and Ms. Walz is working on that. These actions cover a broad range of situations.

Chair Grunwald said we completed **our ERI** (Environmental Resources Inventory) in 2015 and that is worth 20 points. There is a requirement that the municipality establishes a schedule how frequently ERI's have to be done. Our Borough does not establish the timing that it should be done. We did our ERI in 1992-93 and updated it in 2013. We could establish a schedule of updating our ERI every 10-15 years. We will then have a Resolution to submit. Motion was made and seconded that we **establish by Resolution the updating of our ERI** every 10-15 years. This passed unanimously. The rule is that once we begin actions, we have to continue.

Another way of obtaining the needed 10 points is a **Pledge to Support NJ Wildlife Action Plan**. Our focus has been supportive of wildlife anyway. The purpose of this action is to provide wildlife protection guidelines for towns with land. Motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously for such a Resolution to be made for our Borough to support wildlife by protecting species of special concern; it goes on to the Council. We should monitor and take action to conserve those species. Chair *Grunwald* added that we have already adopted this in our Master Plan re Open Space, etc., but it does not state how to do this. Note that Actions also run for different periods of time.

PUBLIC:

Ms. *Rainy* Hartley is curious what year the Trail was built and who. She was told about 1990 and that David Schwendeman/Chair, John Impellizzeri and others were active with Scouts and Trails; maybe some recognition could be given to these past members. Monmouth County looks at various municipalities

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, on motion and second, this meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Attest:

Ann M. Kassahun, Secretary