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2018 REORGANIZATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

January 17, 2018

The Reorganization/Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7:00 P.M at the Borough Hall. The Roll was called by Chairperson Michael Ticktin, who was appointed by Mayor Peggy Malkin at the recent January 2, 2018 Reorganization Meeting of the Borough Council.

ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING STATEMENT:

To show that proper notice of this meeting has been given, Chairperson Michael Ticktin stated that the minutes indicate: "Adequate notice of this meeting has been given, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, by filing with the Borough Clerk, by posting on bulletin boards at the Roosevelt Borough Hall and Roosevelt Post Office, and by publication in the Times of Trenton and in the Asbury Park Press on January 11, 2018."

ROLL CALL:

Present: Bonna, Hartley, Monteleone, Murray, Ticktin, Tulloss,
Felong-Alt 1, Parker-Alt 2

Absent: Schlinski

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chair Ticktin asked for motion and second to approve this evening's Agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Murray, seconded by Ms. Tulloss, and unanimously approved.

REORGANIZATION:

Chairperson - **Mr. Michael Ticktin** was appointed Chairperson by the Borough Mayor at the Reorganization Council Meeting held on January 2, 2018

Vice Chairman - Motion was made by Ms. Mary Tulloss and second by Mr. Tim Hartley that **Mr. Nicholas Murray** be Vice Chairperson. This passed unanimously.

Secretary - Motion was made by Ms. Stacey Bonna and second by Ms. Kimberly *Felong* that **Ms. Ann Kassahun** continue as Secretary. This passed unanimously.

Appointments by Council - Members appointed by the Borough Council at their January 2, 2018 meeting were:

Ticktin, Michael – Regular EC Term 1/2017-12/2019. He was Alternative-2 which ended 12/2017. Now is Chairperson, completing term vacated by former Chair Eitan Grunwald who resigned/moved December 31, 2017.

Hartley, Tim – Regular EC Term 1/2018-12/2020, reinstated new term as Planning Board Representative for 2018.

Monteleone, Heidi – Regular EC Term, 1/2018-12/2020, new member filling position completed by Ms. Beth Battel 12/17.

Parker, Cody – Alternative-2 Term, 1/2018-12/2019. vacated by Mr. Ticktin for Regular Term he now fills as our current Chairperson. Former Chair Eitan Grunwald resigned/moved December 31, 2017. Alternative Term is 2 years.

Schlinski, Margaret – Sick/absent, will be sworn at February meeting. Will fill Regular EC Term 1/2018-12/2020 completed by Sharyn Walz 12/31/17.

Messrs. Michael **Ticktin**, Timothy **Hartley**, Cody **Parker**, and Ms. Heidi **Monteleone**. signed their Oaths. Ms. Margaret **Schlinski** was ill/absent and will sign at the February meeting. Messrs. Ticktin and Hartley have been on this Commission some time. The others are new members. Note: Regular Terms are 3 years, Alternative Terms are 2 years.

Meeting Dates for year 2018 - Motion was made by Ms. Kimberly Felong and seconded by Ms. Mary Tulloss and passed unanimously that the Environmental Commission will continue to meet on the **third Wednesday** [when possible] of the month for the year **2018** and January 16, **2019**. The Commission will meet at **7:00 p.m.** at the Borough Hall. Commission members accepted the following meeting dates:

REGULAR MEETING DATES

February 21, 2018
 March 21, 2018
 April 18, 2018
 May 16, 2018
 June 20, 2018
 July 18, 2018
 August 15, 2018
 September **26**, 2018
 October 17, 2018
 November **28**, 2018
 December 19, 2018
 January 16, **2019**

Newspapers and Bulletin Boards for Publication of Meeting Dates - Motion was made by Mr. Murray and second by Ms. Felong that the Times of Trenton and the Asbury Park Press be official newspapers for publishing Meeting Dates for the Roosevelt Environment Commission. Bulletin boards at the Roosevelt Borough Hall and at the Roosevelt Post Office will also be locations for the posting of Commission public notices. This was accepted unanimously by this Commission.

Formation of an Administrative Committee - Chairperson Ticktin would like to form an **Administrative Committee** to help our Commission with organization issues. Our past Chairman took responsibility for many things; it would be easier to delegate some of this work to a group effort. Motion was made by Ms. Bonna and second by Mr. Hartley that this Commission establish an **Administrative Committee** to work together when needed. Those who were interested in joining were Chair Michael Ticktin, Vice Chair Nicholas Murray, and Past Vice Chair Mary Tulloss. Motion was made by Ms. Bonna to establish this Administrative Committee, seconded by Mr. Tim Hartley; this was unanimously accepted.

This ends the 2018 Reorganization portion of this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

Mr. Tim Hartley reported that the Planning Board reorganized for 2018. Same Chairperson and Vice Chair, very few changes.

REPORT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

Mr. Cody Parker, new member and Council Representative, reported that there are several local **wasp nests** that Mr. Greg DeFoe has pointed out to him. He was concerned as to how we handle them. Do we get rid of them or let them stay there? Mr. Parker mentioned that there is one on a street light on Lake Drive; Ms. Tulloss said she has noticed it also and suggested that maybe JCP&L should be called to deal with it. It was felt if the nests are where people are, they should be removed. Also Mr. Parker was concerned that there are some **public trash bins** filled with dog droppings, seems to be no Public Works system in place to get rid of this trash other than volunteers. The Public Works Committee was thinking of a way to set up some kind of compost system. He also wanted us to know that **The Woodland Trail Memorial** has raised \$1,114 in donations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Forest Management - This committee is in need of new members, as several are no longer on this Commission. Mr. Nick Murray said he was willing to help. (He has had the CORE training but is not an "elected official" at this time. Chair Grunwald was the other

person with the official training and he has moved away. (We will need people trained quickly to keep our status to be eligible to apply for grants this year to implement our Forest Plan.). Ms. Heidi Monteleone is interested in this committee. We welcome members and residents to be active with any of these committees that interest them.

Invasive Plant Species - **Mr. Steve Taylor** reported they are trying to come up with a plan for 2018. It is early, the weather is still freezing now and then. On the list of potential items are the Red Bud trees at the triangle on Homestead, two parts of the Trail from Rochdale to Valley Road and from Rochdale down to Tamara which have some invasive species, so we will try to target those as soon as possible. There is also some Japanese Knotweed that was taken care of five or six years ago and it is trying to come back on Rochdale Avenue. We should attack it before it gets out of hand. Mr. Taylor said that he is working on a Milkweed primer for those who want to start Milkweed seeds. He should have some nice pictures and a timeline in about a month for people to start. Mr. Taylor explained how they plant native plants to slow down the invasive ones. Mr. Taylor also said that there will be an article coming out in our Bulletin in February. He has been very active with Invasive Species; our Chair thanked him for his efforts.

Stream Monitoring - **Ms. Mary Tulloss** reported that she is checking around for funding for our many efforts. Some of this money comes from the Federal Government. Also we have a big straining bucket holding our stream equipment at the Borough Hall. She talked with the Clerk and it will be moved to the building out back because they need the inside space for records, etc. Mr. Greg DeFoe will move it for us. Mr. Hartley inquired if any of our things are "temperature sensitive" and Ms. Tulloss said they were not.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of **December 20, 2017** were reviewed. Motion was made by Ms. Bonna and second by Ms. Felong to accept them with the following corrections. On page 42 under Invasive Species, line 4, take out "as this raised" and substitute "as there were concerns raised". Also on page 42 under Trail Update, last line, take out words "Mr. Hartley"; it should end with "check with Chair Grunwald." Also on page 42 under Recommendations to the Mayor..., third line from bottom, change punctuation so that **two** sentences are **one** sentence adding the word "**and**" to clarify that Ms. Beth Battel said **all** of this. . It read "how we felt about **it**. Mr. Nicholas Murray..." It should read "how we felt about it **and Mr. Nicholas Murray...**" Also in this same sentence, change "he has the core training" to read "he has the **CORE** training." Minutes were accepted; those abstaining were Ms. Mary Tulloss (absent), Ms. Heidi Monteleone and Mr. Cody Parker (new on this Commission as of this January 2018).

OLD BUSINESS:

Re the filing of our **Annual Accomplishment Report** with New Jersey Urban and Community Forestry Program, our past Chairperson, Eitan Grunwald had completed this Report for our Mayor, Peggy Malkin. New Chairperson, Michael Ticktin has mailed this to everyone.

Motion was made by Ms. Mary Tulloss, seconded by Mr. Tim Hartley, and accepted that this paperwork should be filed. The Mayor must sign it and it will be forwarded. Mr. Tim Hartley mentioned whether Roosevelt had a Tree Inventory of public property, that it might be a good thing to do during year 2018. It was noted that former Chair Grunwald had said that there was no tree inventory.

Chair Ticktin mentioned that we must have two people with **CORE** training. Former Chair Grunwald was trained and also Mr. *Nicholas* Murray. (See Forest Management on pp. 4-5) It was mentioned that our new Deputy Clerk is Shade Tree Commission CORE trained and can cover our municipal employee requirement. Perhaps we can also get a community volunteer. Chair Ticktin asked new member, Cody Parker, if he would be interested. He said "yes".

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

Monarch Butterfly Garden at Borough Hall - Ms. Stacey Bonna is willing to work on the butterfly garden at the entrance to the Borough Hall. She has found several Monarch caterpillars there and Mr. Steve Taylor is saving some of the plants needed for Monarchs. Chair Ticktin added that the New Jersey Legislature is interested in helping the Monarchs and have passed two pieces of legislature to help them. Mayor Peggy Malkin added that there are coming renovations to the Borough Parking Lot still in the planning stage. Chair Ticktin suggested that we let the Council know to work around the Garden. Good news is that there are no fire trucks to run over this garden. Ms. Bonna said it is a lot of work watering and weeding at the beginning, but not that much over the summer. Mr. Cody Parker is also interested.

Dead Oak Tree on Borough Property - Ms. Mary Tulloss reported an Oak tree that has died on Borough property. It is near the sidewalk and monument, near the local school and has big branches falling.

Pet Trash Disposal - There were some late comments about the disposal of pet droppings such as: residents should handle this in a civilized way, should bag and take their pet "poop" back home for disposal; there is a sign at the cemetery saying they can be fined; and there could be an article placed in the Borough Bulletin.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, on motion by Ms. Stacey *Bonna* and second by Mr. Tim Hartley, this meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M.



Ann M. Kassahun, Secretary