

C O R R E C T E D

December 19, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at 7:03 P.M. at the Borough Hall. The Roll was called by Secretary Ann Kassahun.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Monteleone, Murray, Ticktin, Tulloss, Margotta, Alt 1,
Ashburner, Alt 2

Absent: Felong Hartley, Parker,

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 notices published in the Times of Trenton and in the Asbury Park Press on February 6, 2018 and posted on the bulletin boards in the Borough Hall and at the Roosevelt Post Office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made by Ms. Mary Tulloss and second by Mr. Nick *Murray to* approve this evening's Agenda. This Agenda was accepted unanimously by the members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Ms. Mary Tulloss and second by Ms. Heidi Monteleone to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on **November 28, 2018**. There were no corrections. These minutes were approved unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Chair Ticktin mentioned that the 2019 Sustainable Jersey Application will be discussed under New Business.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Mr. Hartley was not present.

REPORT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: Mr. Parker was not present.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative - No Report

Forest Management/Trail Report - Mr. Nick Murray reported that he had received an e-mail today from *Brandee* Chapman of DEP regarding our Recreational Trail Grant asking for an update on the project because they had given us the extension of November 30. He will respond to her tomorrow. The update is that it is in Assunpink's hands at this time. They will construct the kiosk when things close down. We have done all we can to this point. He reported that Kim Felong will touch on this at our next meeting. She attended the Hazardous Tree Course at Rutgers and received five credits for this, so we have met our quota. This maintains our "approved" status to be eligible next year for grants, etc. Chair Ticktin asked if we have some projects we would request grants for? Mr. Murray said that the deadline is in March, so we can check this. We might want a tree analysis or inventory done; it must be forest related. Chair Ticktin asked the members to think about this and make suggestions. Chair Ticktin mentioned clearing further into the Spruce Lane property, make it more useable. Mr. Murray will check this.

Invasive Plant Species - No Report

Stream Monitoring - Ms. Mary Tulloss reported at the last meeting that there is a company that sells kits to put in streams. They look like mesh onion bags and vertebrae will collect. *She has asked members of the Environmental Commission to save bags like these.* They will be kept with our stream items at the Borough shed. She has a key now, so we can access our things when needed. Add - *Also Mary Macher has offered to donate some Red Bud trees and is willing to help us.*

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution on Butterfly Garden Paving - Re the little garden at the entrance to the Borough Hall, there was a misunderstanding that they were planning to pave over it. The plan was to make it better by enclosing the garden and adding a nice sign for the public to see "Borough Hall". This work is a great improvement as cars enter our town. We regret the misunderstanding.

NEW BUSINESS:

2019 Sustainable Jersey Application - Chair Ticktin said that we have to come up with some projects; and we need to say what we want a grant for. Mr. Nick Murray added that there is a list of categories that we can brainstorm and choose from. He will check this and send information to the members. This can be discussed at the next meeting. Ms. Mary Tulloss reported she recently saw Ms. Mary Macher and she is willing to help us. Also Mr. Steve Taylor said he will continue to put cages around young plants to help keep deer away.

Chairperson Ticktin asked if we should do anything to re-forest that whole area that got drowned between Farm Lane and Lake Drive. It used to be a hardwood forest, but thanks to the beavers, the stream rose and the water level rose and trees were killed. Mr. Steve Taylor mentioned *bald cypress trees*; he has young ones that can be used. Ms. Mary Tulloss commented that DEP did not allow planting trees and stopped us. She said she can write up a report. We would like to help our wetlands. Perhaps we can ask DEP. We could speak with Diane Lowrie about this situation. This was a *hardwood* forest. We could plant proper plants for wetlands.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, on motion by Mr. Nick Murray and second by Ms. Mary Tulloss, this meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.



Ann M. Kassahun, Secretary