

REGULAR MEETING

ROOSEVELT BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 7:05 P.M.

Roosevelt Borough Hall, 33 North Rochdale Avenue

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order by Chairperson Ellen Silverman on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 7:06 P.M.

The Roll was called by Secretary, Maria Dellasala

ROLL CALL:

Present: Sam Ashburner, Dave Teich, Michael Ticktin, Ellen Silverman

Absent: Michael Hamilton, Tim Hartley, Ben Johnson

ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING STATEMENT: Adequate notice of this meeting has been given, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, by notices published in the Asbury Park Press on January 22, 2024 and the Times of Trenton on January 25, 2024 and posted on the bulletin boards in the Borough Hall and at the Roosevelt Post Office.

Environmental Commission Mission Statement

1. To protect, preserve, and enhance the natural environment within our jurisdiction.
2. To promote sustainable practices and responsible resource management for the benefit of present and future generations.
3. To Advocate for environmental justice, ensuring equitable access to clean air, water, and a healthy environment for all communities.

Goals: Short term goals for the next 18 months approved (approved by EC on 11/15/23)

Environmental Education and Outreach of these subjects:

1. PFA'S are "forever" chemicals that disrupt the immune system and are carcinogenic.
2. Investigate Community Solar or other programs that allow households to use renewable energy without installing solar panels on their homes. Learn more about Clean Choice energy which allows a resident to select renewable energy as the source of energy for their home. Present results at a community meeting.
3. Advocate for safe and responsible waste management practices. Partnering with the Recycle Coordinator to get more information out on what is recyclable. Also encourage use of eco-friendly products

Dave Teich reads the Land and People Acknowledgement

The land and waterways upon which the residents of the Borough of Roosevelt gather and live are the ancestral Lenapehoking territory of the Lenni-Lenape nation. We honor the contributions of their ancestors, those now in the diaspora, and the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape, Ramapough

Lenape and Powhatan Renape who continue to live in the areas we call New Jersey. We honor this ancestral land of the Lenni-Lenape Nation. May we live in harmony, caring for this sacred land.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion was made by Michael Ticktin to approve the agenda and second was made by Sam Ashburner. This passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA:

Chairperson Silverman opened the meeting to the public for comments on the agenda at 7:05pm.

No public comment.

Chairperson Silverman closes the public portion for the agenda at 7:05pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 17, 2024 – Michael Ticktin made a motion to approve the April 17, 2024, minutes with a second from Dave Teich. The Minutes passed by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **NJUCF** – News and Updates 5/1/24
2. **NJDEP** – Woods and Waterways Grants
3. **State of New Jersey** - NJ Updates
4. **ANJEC** – ANJEC News 5/9/24

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: No Report.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON: Michael Ticktin reports that tree ordinance had a second reading and was adopted at the May 6, 2024 council meeting. The tree ordinance is being amended to follow the new State DEP requirements.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- **Administrative:** No report.
- **Forest Management:** Ellen Silverman reports states that Dave Teich took care of a tree on the path, people are using the new chalk board and there was a donation of wood to expand the puncheons, we need to add some additional material which would cost between \$50 - \$75.
- **Invasive Plant Species:** No report, however Steve Taylor states the Mayor did plant the tree for Arbor Day.
- **Stream Monitoring:** Ellen Silverman reports since there was no more snow so no additional monitoring for salt. Mary Tulloss not here tonight so no report on monthly stream monitoring.
- **Sustainable Jersey:** Ellen Silverman reports we are on a holding pattern till 2025.
- **Dessert and Discussion:** Dave Teich reports next Dessert and Discussion will be on Tuesday, May 28, from 7:00pm-9:00pm, at Borough Hall, discussion on watering your landscape. Ellen Silverman reports the last meeting there were 3 of us, we talked about the importance of rain gardens to residents and how if more people were aware of rain gardens.
- **Community Outreach/Communication Calendar:** Ellen Silverman reports that Dave Teich is working on an article. Dave Teich reports the story will be on the tree that fell at

the amphitheater and the community effort. Sam Ashburner reports he can do one on local birds. Ellen Silverman states we can use as a newsletter and flyer. Ellen Silverman asks Michael Ticktin if he would like to do one on the history of Roosevelt. Steve Taylor states we have already done about 73 invasive species articles.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 4th of July Information Table – Dave Teich states he will head up the table, Steve Taylor will run the games and states the kids like the tattoo's that we have given out. Will check with Mary Tulloss to see where the tattoos were purchased. Dave Teich will get in touch with Mary Tulloss.
- ANJEC – Ellen Silverman reports that the ANJEC Grant went in and we are supposed to hear by today if we got the grant. The online application was formatted so you could not add the grant information that they wanted, Ellen was able to get it re-formatted and add the information.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairperson Ellen Silverman opens the public comment at: 7:18pm

No Public Comment.

Chairperson Ellen Silverman closes the public comment at: 7:18pm

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Ticktin motioned to adjourn, Sam Ashburner offered a second. It was unanimously passed to adjourn at 7:19pm

Maria Dellasala, Secretary