

REGULAR MEETING

ROOSEVELT BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 19, 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 Vice Chairperson Michael Hamilton on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 7:05 P.M.

The Roll was called by Secretary, Maria Dellasala

ROLL CALL:

Present: Michael Hamilton, Ben Johnson, Dave Teich, Michael Ticktin

Absent: Sam Ashburner, Tim Hartley, Ellen Silverman

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 Dave Teich. This passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA:

Vice Chairperson Hamilton opened the meeting to the public for comments on the agenda at 7:08pm.

No public comment.

Vice Chairperson Hamilton closes the public portion for the agenda at 7:08pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 15, 2024 – Michael Ticktin made a motion to approve the May 15, 2024, minutes with a second from Dave Teich. The minutes passed by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **ANJEC** – ANJEC News, May 23, 2024
2. **ANJEC** – 2024 Citizen Scientist Series, Zoom Webinar Tuesday, June 18, 7:00pm
3. **ANJEC** – Visit Cream Ridge Winery on Saturday, June 8, 2024 from Noon-6:00pm
4. **State of New Jersey** – NJ Updates: Events, Deadlines, Programs, Guidance and more
5. **NJ DEP** – NJUCF News and Updates as of 6/1/24
6. **ANJEC** – Wide Variety of Upcoming Programs for June and July 2024
7. **ANJEC** – 2024 Citizen Scientist Series Session 1: Using MyCoast NJ App to Capture Important Weather & Climate Related Events in your Community, Tuesday, June 18, 7:00pm Via Zoom
8. **ANJEC** – ANJEC News June 6, 2024
9. **ANJEC** – Global Wind Day Celebration, June 15, 2024, 11:00AM, Liberty State Park
10. **ANJEC** – Fireflies: An Illuminating Appreciation Event, Wednesday, June 26 from 7pm-9pm, Schooley’s Mountain Park, Washington Township (Morris County)

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: Secretary, Maria Dellasala reads the following from Tim Hartley: The Planning Board met last night and recommended that the Council adopt Ordinance 2024-04 regarding Stormwater Management to comply with the State mandate but also recommended that we pursue development of some more restrictive measures as proposed by the Borough Engineer.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON: Michael Hamilton reports that the Council had a second reading on the Stormwater regulations but has been tabled until the July 1, 2024 meeting. The introduction of the budget has also been tabled to the July 1, 2024 meeting. Also at the July 1, 2024 meeting there will be a bond ordinance for \$689,429 introduced for the Amphitheater, which will allow for change orders. After the project is complete Monmouth County will reimburse Roosevelt for \$330,000. There will be a second reading and public hearing on the bond ordinance on July 15, 2024. Carmella Roberts was at the meeting, there were a lot of questions regarding the Stormwater regulations and what we have to do and waivers we will apply for. The Stormwater mapping is about 75% complete and we should have it within 2 months.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- **Administrative:** No report.
- **Forest Management:** No report.
- **Invasive Plant Species:** No report.
- **Stream Monitoring:** Mary Tulloss reports that this past weekend her and Jane continued doing the stream monitoring. We received an email from the Watershed it said it would have more analysis and all the data we send to them; a copy was sent to Ellen Silverman. Also Mary Tulloss attended a fundraiser for ANJEC, it was at the Cream Ride Winery – it was very nice and pleasant. ANJEC had a table and Mary Tulloss went over to it with her Green Team shirt, Mary wanted to make sure they knew that Roosevelt as represented.
- **Sustainable Jersey:** No report.
- **Dessert and Discussion:** Dave Teich reports at the last Dessert and Discussion meeting we discussed watering strategies and this month, Tuesday, June 25, 2024 we will be discussing Herb Gardens., at 7:00pm here at Borough Hall. We are still attracting people to the meeting so come on out and join us.
- **Community Outreach/Communication Calendar:** No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **4th. of July Information Table** – Dave Teich will be manning the table and is working on the information and games.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vice Chairperson Michael Hamilton opens the public comment at: 7:21pm

1. Mary Tulloss, 21 Lake Drive – reports that she has seen a small truck parked by the deli – there is no reason for someone to be parked there, unless they were using their phone, Mary Tulloss will take a look to see if anyone has dumped anything there. Michael Ticktin state that maybe if you could get a license plate.

Vice Chairperson Michael Hamilton closes the public comment at: 7:22pm

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Ticktin motioned to adjourn, Dave Teich offered a second. It was unanimously passed to adjourn at 7:23pm

Maria Dellasala, Secretary