

RAMSEY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING - MARCH 13, 2018

The March meeting of the Ramsey Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Nerney at 7:35 p.m. Also present were Mr. Carey, Mr. Greenberg, Ms. Miller, Mr. Morris, and Ms. Zurlini, Commissioners, Council Liaison Weber, and Mrs. Dey, Administrative Assistant. Ms. Kymer, Mr. Ramiza, and Mr. Walsh were absent.

In accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey, public notice of the meeting was published in *The Record* on December 16, 2017 and in *The Ridgewood News* on December 22, 2017 and posted in the Municipal Building.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mr. Nerney swore in Ms. Zurlini.

MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Carey, the minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting were accepted as received.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minutes-

Planning Board-January 16, 2018

Shade Tree Commission-January 18, 2018

OLD BUSINESS

CHICK-FIL-A

Ms. Miller handled this project for the Environmental Commission. Her letter noted traffic and idling concerns and was forwarded to the Board of Adjustment.

SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER AT THE MUNICIPAL POOL

The Environmental Commission's letter regarding this project had been sent to the Planning Board on Wednesday, March 29, 2017. A new survey and wetlands delineation are being done. Mr. Agnoli, the engineer who is handling the DEP application, has submitted documentation on behalf of the borough. An official topographical map of the pool property will be available soon. Once again there was no further update.

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY/SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS

There was no further communication from the school district regarding Sustainable Schools certification. Mrs. Dey had forwarded the newspaper article about Leonia (*Leonia schools get \$10,000 for sustainability initiative*) to Ms. Falcone.

GREEN TEAM/BASECAMP

There were no new appointments to the Green Team at the borough's reorganization meeting. Mr. Carey noted that Mayor Dillon would like him to serve on the Green Team. Mrs. Dey reported that a Bergen County Sustainable Jersey hub, called Basecamp, has been formed. She highlighted some of the issues which are being researched and completed by other Green Teams in Bergen County. There will be a meeting of Basecamp in Oradell in April.

BIKEPATH PROJECT/GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Mr. Carey will reach out to the Planning Board's traffic expert, Serge Tombalakian, as well as the borough's traffic officer regarding signage, striping, and lighting at various crossings in the borough. Mr. Morris noted that boroughs are being rated on their walkability and bikeability which enhance attractability. Connectivity is a key issue. A list of suggested repairs and improvements to the current bikepath segments will be compiled and submitted to the governing body. There are numerous sources for grants, including PSE&G, ANJEC, and Sustainable Jersey.

MASTER PLAN

Mr. Carey provided a Master Plan update. He will keep the Environmental Commission informed about any scheduled meetings. The Environmental Resource Inventory is part of the Master Plan and should be updated. More units will need to be built in the borough to comply with COAH regulations.

BAG IT

The Recycling Committee's showing of "Bag It" on Tuesday, April 24th, has been cancelled.

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY

The annual clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st, with a raindate of Sunday, April 22nd. Items from the checklist which Mr. Morris had e-mailed were reviewed and the assignments were updated. Mr. Ramiza will handle the Environmental Commission's Facebook page.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON

Mr. Weber reported that the borough is researching the possibility of a wellhead ordinance. A gun ordinance will be introduced by the borough.

The budget is being introduced with a 1.68% increase.

The borough renewed its contract with Suburban Disposal for five years.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Nerney, Mr. Ramiza, and Mr. Weber attended the meeting of the Environment Committee at St. Paul's; they shared the various items which

were discussed at the meeting. Members of St. Paul's will be participating in clean-up day. St. Paul's will be added to the publicity poster.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REVIEWS

Planning Board

Treehouse Pediatric will be appearing before the Planning Board shortly. Mr. Carey noted that the environmental questionnaire will now be distributed with all plans. Carl Weber, the Chairman of the Planning Board, passed away recently.

Shade Tree Commission

Approximately four hundred trees were removed from the property on Island Road for a subdivision.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Commission, Mr. Carey moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 p.m., seconded by Ms. Miller, and passed.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018

Meeting Date: April 10, 2018

RAMSEY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA

General

- Attendance/Roll Call

Public Comment

Discussion/Approval of Minutes

- March 13th meeting

Developments/Site Plans

Correspondence/Announcements

Old Business

- Treehouse Pediatric (Ramiza letter)
- Senior/Community Center at the pool
- Sustainable Jersey/Sustainable Schools
- Green Team/Basecamp-meeting in Oradell, Wednesday, April 11th
- Bikepath project/grant opportunities
- Master Plan
- Annual Clean-Up, Saturday, April 21st

Report of the Council Liaison

Commissioner Comments

New Business

- STEM Showcase, Smith School, Thursday, April 26th

Committee/Commission Reviews (Commissioner assignments)

- Board of Adjustment-January 17, 2018 (Miller)
- Board of Health-(Kymer)
- Board of Public Works-(Nerney)
- Design Review Board-(Ramiza)
- Planning Board-January 16, 2018, February 6, 2018, February 20, 2018, March 6, 2018 (Carey)
- Shade Tree Commission-February 15, 2018 (Morris)

Adjournment