

## **RAMSEY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – APRIL 10, 2018**

The April meeting of the Ramsey Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Nerney at 7:32 p.m. Also present were Mr. Carey, Ms. Kymer, Ms. Miller, Mr. Ramiza, and Mr. Walsh, Commissioners, and Mrs. Dey, Administrative Assistant. Mr. Greenberg, Mr. Morris, Ms. Zurlini, and Council Liaison Weber were absent. Mr. Parker, a member of the Green Team, was also present.

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.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Grace Maute, a student from Ramapo College, was present to observe the meeting.

#### **MINUTES**

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

#### **DEVELOPMENTS/SITE PLANS**

The Commissioners looked at the newly received plans for McDonald's at 846 Route 17N. The plan for the restaurant is to put in a double drive-through. The applicant is slightly reducing the impervious coverage and eliminating eleven parking spaces, leaving fifty-two. Mr. Nerney will handle the review of the project for the Environmental Commission.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Minutes-

Board of Adjustment-January 17, 2018

Planning Board-January 16, 2018, February 6, 2018, February 20, 2018, March 6, 2018

Shade Tree Commission-February 15, 2018

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **TREEHOUSE PEDIATRIC**

Mr. Ramiza handled this project for the Environmental Commission. His letter noted soil movement/disturbance concerns. All soil erosion practices presently in the plan should be strictly followed. The Shade Tree Commission should comment on the landscape plan. The letter was forwarded to the Planning Board in time for their Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**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. There will be a meeting of Basecamp in Oradell on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Kymer will attend the meeting.

**BIKEPATH PROJECT/GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

Mr. Parker asked if there had been any movement on the bikepath project. 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. At the March meeting, Mr. Morris had noted that municipalities 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. Mrs. Dey noted that the borough employs a company to write grants. She will contact Denise Bartalotta, the borough's CFO, about those grant writers to determine if they could help with bikepath grants, particularly one for a feasibility study.

**MASTER PLAN**

Mr. Carey provided a Master Plan update. The housing element is up for legal review. The Environmental Resource Inventory is part of the Master Plan and should be updated. The Commissioners were asked to review the Environmental Resource Management Recommendations prior to the May meeting so that those recommendations can be discussed. More units will need to be built in the borough to comply with COAH regulations; there will be a public meeting regarding COAH.

**ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY**

The annual clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, with a raindate of Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Items from the checklist which Mr. Morris had e-mailed were

reviewed and the assignments were updated and finalized. Members from St. Paul's will be participating in clean-up day and St. Paul's Parish will be added to the publicity poster.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The annual STEM Showcase at Smith School is scheduled for Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Last year Mrs. Dey and Mr. Guastella participated with an exhibit centered on water education/water conservation. No one is able to participate this year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Commission, Mr. Nerney moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:26 p.m., seconded by Mr. Walsh, and passed.

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018**

**Meeting Date: May 8, 2018**

## **RAMSEY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA**

### **General**

- Attendance/Roll Call

### **Public Comment**

### **Discussion/Approval of Minutes**

- April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting

### **Developments/Site Plans**

### **Correspondence/Announcements**

### **Old Business**

- McDonald's (Nerney letter)
- Senior/Community Center at the pool
- Sustainable Jersey/Sustainable Schools
- Green Team/Basecamp-next meeting in Wyckoff, Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> (see meeting agenda)
- Bikepath project/grant opportunities
- Master Plan/ERI Recommendations discussion
- Annual Clean-Up wrap-up

### **Report of the Council Liaison**

### **Commissioner Comments**

### **New Business**

- Annual scholarship-\$750

### **Committee/Commission Reviews (Commissioner assignments)**

- Board of Adjustment-February 21, 2018 (Miller)
- Board of Health-(Kymer)
- Board of Public Works-(Nerney)
- Design Review Board-(Ramiza)
- Planning Board-March 20, 2018, April 3, 2018 (Carey)
- Shade Tree Commission-March 15, 2018 (Morris)

### **Adjournment**