

RAMSEY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – APRIL 11, 2023

Beginning in April, the Environmental Commission meetings will be held in the Senior/Community Center. The April meeting of the Ramsey Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Nerney at 7:30 p.m. Also present were Ms. Boone, Mr. Carey, Mr. Knauss, Ms. Kundriat, Council Liaison Popolo, and Mrs. Dey, Administrative Assistant. Mrs. Benfanti, Ms. DiPilato, Ms. Hudon, Mr. Kehoe, Ms. Kymer, Mr. Morris, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Ramiza were absent. Ms. Kymer, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Ramiza need to be sworn in.

In accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey, public notice of the meeting was published in *The Record* on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 and *The Ridgewood News* on Friday, December 9, 2022 and posted in the Municipal Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Laney Darmiento's term as Water Ambassador ends on May 8th. She will be at the Farmers' Market on Sunday, April 30th.

Marc Jachzel was present to explain his Eagle Scout project. He will be putting four monofilament fishing line disposal containers at Suraci Pond and two at Garrison Pond. The signs he is using, at a cost of twenty dollars each, are made out of aluminum with room for sponsorship. The Environmental Commission/Green Team will contribute \$200 towards the approximately \$700 of the project cost, with the Farmers' Market contributing another \$200. There are five phases to the project which he will begin in late May/early June. DPW will help with maintenance.

MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Nerney, seconded by Ms. Boone, the minutes of the March 14, 2023 meeting were accepted as received.

DEVELOPMENTS/SITE PLANS

A plan for Mitsubishi should be coming soon.

CORRESPONDENCE

All minutes are now found online. Hard copies will not be distributed.

OLD BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER/GREEN TEAM MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Benfanti had written an article about the special SOAR clean-up day activity which appeared in *Ramsey Neighbors* and which was read by Mrs. Dey. Two other

SOAR activities are being held in conjunction with the library. “Pocket Full of Pollinators” is scheduled for Thursday, April 27th and a photography class will take place in May; registration for those classes will be handled by the library.

Ms. Boone reported on the upcoming activities at the Farmers’ Market. A November date for the plastic toys collection will be decided soon.

Mrs. Dey completed the first-round submission for bronze Sustainable Jersey certification on Sunday, February 26th. Ramsey started with 60 of the 150 required points already earned. The second deadline is in May and the final deadline is in July.

Our Special Environmental Weekend includes the Annual Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 22nd, and the Plastic Toys Collection and the EV Car Show on Sunday, April 23rd.

Mr. Knauss showed the certificate which the Ramsey Senior/Community Center earned as a participant in the Green Business Recognition Program. The window cling has already been placed on one of the windows.

Ms. Kundriat commented on the pervasive landscape noise in the borough. She asked if the trees could be trimmed over the Community Garden at Finch Park. There is very little sunlight over the various garden plots. Gordon Ainsworth is the Community Garden contact.

There is a Styrofoam collection in Oakland on Saturday, April 22nd.

Mr. Popolo reported that currently the governing body is focused on the budget for 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Commission, Mr. Nerney moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Mr. Knauss, and passed.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
at the Senior/Community Center**

