

RAMSEY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING –APRIL 12, 2022

Until further notice, the Environmental Commission meetings will be held via Zoom. The April meeting of the Ramsey Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Nerney at 7:45 p.m. Also present were Ms. Benfanti, Ms. Boone, Mr. Carey, Ms. Danz, Ms. Hudon, Mr. Kehoe, Ms. Kundriat, Ms. Kymer, Mr. Parker, Mr. Ramiza, Council Liaison Weber, and Mrs. Dey, Administrative Assistant. Mr. Morris 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 Thursday, December 23, 2021 and *The Ridgewood News* on Friday, December 24, 2021 and posted in the Municipal Building.

MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Nerney, seconded by Ms. Boone, the minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting were accepted as received.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

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Ms. Benfanti has completed the Audubon grant and is awaiting a decision. She is looking to plant native plants near the Trex bench on the bikepath. She referenced a recent ordinance from Montclair which allows the planting of only native plants and trees there. She attended a recent workshop at the library about native plants which she indicated was excellent.

Ms. Boone added the plastic toy collection on Sunday, April 24th, to the Farmers' Market schedule. Mr. Nerney will be providing information regarding the plastic bag ban which will be available at the Farmers' Market.

Ms. Boone provided an update regarding the Green Business Recognition Program. The window clings have been created and purchased. There are three businesses which have already qualified for the recognition. She and Mrs. Dey are finalizing the application and the certificate.

Mr. Carey reviewed the latest information from the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment. A lot of new businesses are coming into Ramsey. A traffic consultant will be taking a look at the Chick-Fil-A traffic situation. He also suggested that the upcoming *Ramsey Journal* be printed on recycled paper.

Ms. Danz shared information about what Shop-Rite is doing with regard to the plastic bag ban, including a Meet and Greet on Earth Day.

Mrs. Dey shared what had been discussed at the Shade Tree Commission meeting with regard to Mr. Melso's attendance at the March Environmental Commission meeting. He had been very positive about the discussion regarding suggestions for the revision of the tree ordinance in Ramsey. The 2021 Environmental Commission/Green Team Annual Report is now on the borough website.

Ms. Hudon completed the environmental display using the case on the first floor at borough hall. She will be changing the items to keep it current.

Ms. Kymer noted that there will be some upcoming Styrofoam collections in other municipalities. She would like to schedule one for Ramsey. Perhaps the pool parking lot could be used after the pool closes for the 2022 season. She also shared information about other HUB topics such as the plastic bag ban and charging stations.

Mr. Nerney reviewed the annual clean-up day on Saturday, April 9th, thanking those who helped out with the event. The event went well despite the weather.

Mr. Parker indicated that there is much information regarding the various topics which have been discussed which can be found through the Sustainable Jersey website.

Mr. Ramiza reminded everyone to send him information which should be put on the Environmental Commission's Facebook page.

Mr. Weber also commented upon clean-up day. The hearing for the borough's 2022 budget will take place at the next meeting of the governing body.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Commission, Mr. Nerney moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:29 p.m., seconded by Mr. Carey, and passed.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

