

## **RAMSEY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING –JUNE 14, 2022**

Until further notice, the Environmental Commission meetings will be held via Zoom. The June meeting of the Ramsey Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Nerney at 7:33 p.m. Also present were Ms. Benfanti, Ms. Boone, Mr. Carey, Ms. Hudon, Mr. Kehoe, Ms. Kundriat, Mr. Morris, Mr. Parker, Mr. Walsh, and Mrs. Dey, Administrative Assistant. Ms. Danz, Ms. Kymer, Mr. Ramiza, and Council Liaison Weber 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. Carey, seconded by Ms. Boone, the minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting were accepted as received.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER/GREEN TEAM MEMBER REPORTS**

Ms. Benfanti completed the Audubon grant, and it was approved. The borough has not yet received payment. She planted native plants near the Trex bench on the bikepath and would like to plant more in late summer. The Shade Tree Commission is looking into a revised tree removal ordinance; Mrs. Dey provided the details.

Ms. Boone provided an update regarding the Green Business Recognition Program. The window clings have been created and purchased. There are at least three businesses which have already qualified for the recognition. The certificates and window clings have been awarded to Bar Boutique, LEAP Preschool, and The Mindful Café.

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 childcare center is slated for the Chase Bank site on Spruce Street. An environmental assessment will need to be done. The borough's newly-hired traffic consultant will be taking a look at the Chick-Fil-A traffic situation and the car wash on Route 17N. Once those two issues are finalized, the traffic consultant can provide assistance with the Master Plan's Traffic and Circulation plan. Construction has begun on Wawa at the former Cury's site on Route 17.

Mrs. Dey shared that the borough is looking into grants for charging stations at four different locations.

Ms. Hudon spearheaded the environmental display using the case on the first floor at borough hall. She will be changing the items to keep it current. The Board of Health and the Shade Tree Commission have provided pertinent information for the display case.

Mr. Kehoe reported that Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> is the date tentatively scheduled for the next plastic toy collection in conjunction with Second Chance Toys. He noted that there still is garbage at Mavis Tires following clean-up day.

It appears that Liam Curran's "Adopt-A-Storm-Drain" website is currently down. Mr. Morris will contact him. Perhaps one of the Environmental Clubs, either at Smith School or the high school, could take over the project. Ms. Boone had shared a picture of a storm drain which was completely blocked by mud and other debris. The storm drain project is one which needs to continue.

Mr. Parker shared information about electric vehicles. He would like to see the Environmental Commission more involved with policy issues such as those concerning water conservation and traffic circulation.

Councilman Weber awarded the Environmental Commission \$750 scholarship to Sophia Romero.

The July meeting is cancelled.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Commission, Mr. Nerney moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:01 p.m., seconded by Mr. Carey, and passed.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

