

BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
August 15, 2023
REGULAR MEETING

The Public Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Norwood was held via Zoom on the above date.

Ms. Olshan stated that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act and asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of the Board:

Ms. Brielle Olshan	Present
Ms. Karin Rosenthal	Present
Mr. Walter Deptuch	Present
Mr. Phil Maljevic	Present
Ms. Barbara Vanderbeck	Present
Mr. Kamal Hoon	Absent
Mr. Jim Elling	Absent
Ms. Brigitha Tray	Absent
Ms. Siddhi Samant	Absent

Also Present:

Lindsay Volpitta, Commission Secretary

Ms. Rosenthal made a motion to approve the July 20, 2023, Environmental Commission meeting minutes. Ms. Vanderbeck seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously agreed, with the exception of Mr. Deptuch who were not present at the July meeting.

Community Garden Update

Ms. Rosenthal stated that the picnic event held at the garden the previous Friday was a success with a number of garden members attending. There was one attendee who was not a member but was interested in learning more. There is a possibility another picnic night could be scheduled for sometime in September. The harvesting nights will continue to take place on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. The next community day will be Saturday, August 19th at 9:30am.

Mr. Maljevic said the new Rules and Regulations sign looks wonderful.

EV Charging Stations

Ms. Olshan informed the Commission that she spoke with Council President Hausmann who would like to get information from the vendors that supplied the quotes regarding the adaptors and how it would be handled if the Tesla charger becomes the standard.

Mr. Maljevic said it could take two (2) to three (30 years before the car companies use the Tesla chargers and not all companies are guaranteed to use that charger. The cars that are also on the road now and manufactured during the next few years will also need to be considered. Retrofitting adaptor kits should also be looked into.

Community Events

Ms. Rosenthal stated she would like to schedule another community clean up event with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. It was decided that the cleanup would take place in the woods off the McClellan Street dead end on Saturday, September 30th, from 10am-12pm.

The Environmental Commission will have a table at Norwood Day on Saturday, September 23rd. The event will run from 1pm-6pm and the Environmental Commission members will take shifts being in charge of the table. Ms. Olshan, Ms. Rosenthal, and Mr. Vanderbeck have agreed to split the day. Ms. Volpitta will send an email to the remaining Environmental Commission members to see if they are available to help. They will have posters with QR codes for the Facebook page and garden, as well as a signup sheet for those who are interested in being a part of the Environmental Commission.

Council Liaison Report

Ms. Volpitta advised the Commission that Council President Hausmann was not available to attend tonight's meeting and she would provide the Council Liaison Report on her behalf.

Council President Hausmann will be meeting with a landscape architect on Friday, August 18th, to discuss possible ways to reinform the garden and prevent critters from gaining access. Council President Hausmann would also like the Commission to consider purchasing a picnic table with a sturdy umbrella to provide shade.

A representative from the food pantry contacted Council President Hausmann to ask if a Commission member would volunteer to harvest tomatoes and deliver them to the food pantry. The food pantry is having "Christmas in August" and are having many individuals come to them. They would need the tomatoes for Saturday morning. The

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food pantry is also in great need of toiletries and diapers, especially those in large sizes.

Tree Ordinance

Ms. Olshan informed the Commission that due to the late start of the meeting the tree ordinance review will be tabled until the September meeting.

Public Comment

Mr. Deptuch made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Ms. Rosenthal seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously agreed.

There was no one on Zoom who wished to speak.

Mr. Maljevic made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Mr. Rosenthal seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously agreed.

Ms. Rosenthal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Maljevic seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously agreed.

Ms. Olshan thanked the Commission and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Volpitta, Commission Secretary