

BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
March 3, 2026
REGULAR MEETING

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

Ms. Rosenthal 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 2026 Environmental Commission

Brielle Olshan
Karin Rosenthal
Michael Redden
Deirdre Kessler
Caroline Nagy
Phil Maljevic

Also Present:

Councilwoman Annie Hausmann
Lindsay Volpitta, Commission Secretary

Ms. Redden made a motion to approve the February 3, 2026, meeting minutes. Ms. Nagy seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously agreed.

Community Events

Ms. Rosenthal said the Arbor Day event at the school for the 3rd grade will be held on Friday April 24th. All Commission members are welcome to attend.

Ms. Volpitta advised that the Recycling Coordinator is available during the day, before 3pm. Ms. Rosenthal suggested have three members meet with the Recycling Coordinator and bring back information to the meeting.

Ms. Rosenthal suggested a garden cleanup in April. Ms. Olshan suggested doing a first planting. Ms. Olshan would like to order soil so she can begin planting the seeds.

Commission Goals

Ms. Rosenthal asked if any members had any other goals for the year. Mr. Maljevic said he would love to repeat the garden events. He would also like to see participation from other Norwood groups. Ms. Nagy suggested having one event per month. Mr. Maljevic

said the prime months are the summer. Ms. Rosenthal said they all do not need to be garden events. A suggestion is a guided hike.

Ms. Rosenthal said the Commission would like to give a presentation to the governing body, communicating the Commission goals for the year and welcoming involvement from other Boards and Committees. Mr. Maljevic said he will be available during the March 25th meeting. Ms. Volpitta will advise Mr. Padovano and ask to be added to the agenda on March 25th.

Mr. Maljevic stated that he will reach out to the Mayor again about the status of Mr. Deptuch.

Ms. Olshan noted that there are members of the public showing interest in joining the Commission.

Budget

Ms. Volpitta advised that there is no update with the budget.

Planning Board Update

Ms. Volpitta advised the Commission that the Planning Board will be meeting tomorrow to continue hearing the appeal for 275 Tappan Road.

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

Ms. Nancy Congiusti, 195 Livingston, said she has a large backyard garden. She suggested having a presentation for regenerative soil. Ms. Rosenthal said she loves the idea of discussing soil health. Ms. Olshan asked where Ms. Congiusti would see the events the garden is hosting. Ms. Congiusti said she sees everything on Facebook and the Borough message board.

Ms. Redden made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Ms. Nagy seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously agreed.

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

Ms. Rosenthal thanked the Commission and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Volpitta

Commission Secretary