

BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
June 3, 2025
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. Olshan	Present
Ms. Rosenthal	Present
Mr. Deptuch	Absent
Mr. Maljevic	Present
Mr. Hoon	Absent
Ms. Redding	Absent
Ms. Kessler	Present
Mr. Westshelle	Present

Also Present:

Lindsay Volpitta, Commission Secretary

Ms. Olshan advised the Commission that Barbara Vanderbeck has resigned from the Commission.

Mr. Westshelle made a motion to approve the April 1, 2025, meeting minutes. Ms. Kessler seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously agreed. Ms. Olshan abstained.

Community Events

Ms. Olshan asked for suggestions to get the word out on the community events. Ms. Rosenthal said she hopes that more people utilize the garden. Mr. Maljevic suggested a town wide mailing of events. Ms. Volpitta advised that it is costly and would take a portion of the budget. Ms. Volpitta suggested an email blast once we have a collection of emails. The Commission feels this is a Borough problem, and hopes to find a solution to get information out to all residents in a more streamlined manner.

Ms. Rosenthal suggested scheduling standing harvest nights at the garden. She also would like to discuss signage directing people where to go and what to do. Ms. Olshan would like to have a basket to alert community members to take as much from the garden that would fill the basket. Ms. Kessler suggested having Nature Mark give a presentation which would draw families. They could then be advised of the garden. Phil suggested making the garden nights more of a get together with food and fun. Each week there would be a signature mocktail.

Harvest nights at the garden will be scheduled on Thursdays from 7pm to 7:30pm. The first night will be on June 26th. Mr. Maljevic will be the mocktail expert.

Hikes

Mr. Maljevic will lead the hike on June 22nd. An email will be sent to the Commission with the dates for the hikes June – August.

Budget

There is \$8,492.00 remaining in the budget.

Planning Board

Ms. Volpitta advised that an application will be heard tomorrow. The applicant is applying for a variance on Broadway for a two story addition. The variance is needed due to the house being too close to Broadway. The Planning Board will be discussing the round 4 Affordable Housing Plan on June 4th at 7pm.

Mr. Maljevic 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.

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

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

Ms. Olshan thanked the Commission and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Volpitta
Commission Secretary

