

BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2022

7:00 PM

- I. Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act
- II. In attendance: Celia Lane, Brielle Olshan, Walter Deptuch, Phil Maljevic, Karin Rosenthal
- III. Absent: Jim Elling, Barbara Vanderbeck
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Approval of September 2022 Minutes
 - 1. Motion to approve by Karin Rosenthal, seconded by Phil Maljevic. Abstention by Walter Deptuch. Motion passed.
 - B. Event Update
 - 1. Community Garden
 - a) The garden has been very successful and is looking beautiful. This Saturday (10/15) morning at 9:30 AM will be our last gardening day for the year, though harvesting will continue into the fall.
 - b) We spoke to the Valley Program and are excited to work with them moving forward. They hope to start seedlings for us.
 - 2. Hikes update
 - a) Hikes have now moved to 11:30 AM for the colder weather.
 - B. Project status reports/review
 - 1. EV presentation to the Mayor and Council on the EV charging stations
 - a) Phil gave a remote presentation to the Mayor and Council, which went very well.
 - b) Phil will also attend the Mayor and Council meeting tomorrow (9/12) and may receive an update on next steps.
 - c) The Mayor did not elect to move our presentation to a resolution quite yet. We can now put together our own resolution to bring to the Mayor and Council for a vote, if the Mayor asks for it.
 - d) Another step is to reach out to Orange and Rockland Electric about logistics and grant opportunities.
 - 2. The Tree Preservation Ordinance sub-committee
 - a) We can present the ordinance to the Mayor and Council, and then with feedback, changes, and approval, it would be sent to the Borough Attorney for review and a draft of the official language. Then, if the new version passes a vote at a work session, it would be added to the agenda for another meeting for a vote with public input before being passed.
 - b) The Commission held a work session during this meeting on our draft of the ordinance.
 - c) The sub-committee will meet on Friday (10/14) to begin putting together the slide deck for this presentation.

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II. New Business

A. No new business was discussed.

III. Public Comment

A. Motion to open to the public. Unanimously passed.

A. No comment.

B. Motion to close to the public. Unanimously passed.

IV. With no other business, motion to adjourn. Unanimously passed.