

BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
November 14, 2023
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 Board:

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

Also Present:

Lindsay Volpitta, Commission Secretary

Ms. Rosenthal made a motion to approve the October 17, 2023, Environmental Commission meeting minutes. Ms. Vanderbeck seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously agreed, with the exception of Mr. Deptuch who abstained.

Community Garden Update

Ms. Rosenthal advised the Commission that the garden members will be receiving an email that it's time to clean out their plots. If they would like to have a winter crop it is permitted. Ms. Olshan said she would like to advertise the community plots and have more residents involved in them. There are two (2) or three (3) residents on the waitlist. While they wait for a plot they can be active in the community plots. Ms. Olshan also stated that if s current plot holder has an issue where they will be unable to care for their plot, they can notify the Commission in a timely manner and forfeit their plot for the year. The plot will be given to someone on the waitlist, for the year only, and the original plot holder can regain their plot the following year.

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Tree Ordinance

Ms. Olshan said she received information from ANJEC regarding new guidance for the tree ordinance. The information is from the DEP and stormwater regulations. The tree ordinance discussion will be tables to give Ms. Olshan time to share the information with the Commission members and for all to review.

Community Events

Ms. Rosenthal stated that Norwood Day was a success. The ANJEC representative was there for the entire day and brought games and flyers to attract the attention of the attendees. Mr. Elling covered the first shift and Ms. Rosenthal covered the second shift.

Ms. Olshan informed the Commission that she has been in contact with a consultant to do a survey of the woods to advise the Commission if there are any invasive species that should be removed. She is hoping to have the proposal this year and to schedule a community day in the spring to remove any invasive species that are found.

Ms. Rosenthal made a motion to approve the proposal and move forward with the improvements to the woods. Mr. Hoon seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously agreed.

Ms. Rosenthal advised the Commission that the Sunday morning hikes will continue and will begin at 11:30am going forward.

Public Comment

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

The was no one on Zoom who wished to speak.

Mr. Hoon made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Mr. Deptuch seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously agreed.

Mr. Deptuch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Vanderbeck seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously agreed.

Ms. Olshan thanked the Commission and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Volpitta, Commission Secretary

