

BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Reorganization Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2022
7:00 PM

- I. Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act
- II. In attendance: Walter Deptuch, Celia Lane, Tim Luby, Phil Maljevic, Brielle Olshan, Karin Rosenthal, Annie Hausmann
- III. Election of Officers
 - A. Chair (currently Brielle Olshan)
 - 1. Motion by Phil Maljevic to nominate Brielle Olshan for Chair. Seconded by Karin Rosenthal. Elected unanimously.
 - B. Secretary (currently Celia Lane)
 - 1. Motion by Brielle Olshan to nominate Brielle Olshan for Chair. Seconded by Phil Maljevic. Elected unanimously.
 - C. Vice Chair (currently Karin Rosenthal)
 - 1. Motion by Brielle Olshan to nominate Brielle Olshan for Chair. Seconded by Karin Rosenthal. Elected unanimously.
- IV. Approval of the 2022 Environmental Commission Meeting Dates
 - A. We will continue with monthly Commission meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM, with the exception of November. These will be the official dates:
 - 1. January 18, 2022; February 8, 2022; March 8, 2022; April 12, 2022; May 10, 2022; June 14, 2022; July 12, 2022; August 9, 2022; September 13, 2022; October 11, 2022; November 15, 2022; December 13, 2022.
- V. Motion by Brielle to adjourn to Regular Meeting. Seconded by Karin Rosenthal. Passed unanimously.

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- I. Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act
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- III. Old Business
 - A. Motion by Karin Rosenthal to approve the December 14, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Phil Maljevic. Passed with an abstention by Walter Deptuch.
 - B. Event Update
 - 1. The hikes have been getting an excellent response, including from new families in town. One hike needed to be canceled due to weather but they have overall been a great success.
 - B. Project status reports/review (on Trello)
 - 1. No update yet on the EV charging stations. Phil and Allen will continue to take the lead on this in the coming month.
 - 2. No movement yet on the Clear Cutting Ordinance, but this will be made a priority in the coming year. Annie spoke with the construction office in Borough Hall. There has been an influx of applications for tree removals in the Borough, and meeting with this office will be a priority: Walter Deptuch, Brielle Olshan, and Phil Maljevic will take this on along with Annie as part of a working group. Phil will set up a meeting for later this week with the construction office and the working group will meet on Thursday, January 20 at 7 PM. Closter's Clear Cutting Ordinance will be a good model for our own.
 - a) Currently the construction office enforces the ordinance, but we will be looking into an arborist or other third party to take over this role along with the Borough engineer under a new Ordinance. Closter has a list of Arborists who work with many surrounding towns.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Sustainable Jersey Grant Deadlines: February 11, 2022
 - 1. We may not be able to make the February Deadline, but we will make it a priority to continue work and this and to apply for the next admissions cycle.
 - B. Budget review
 - 1. Additions that were discussed were an hourly stipend for our interns and funds for an Arbor Day event (which may be included in the funds for a native plants sale).
 - 2. The budget was not finalized during this meeting, but commissioners will review the budget before it is sent to the Mayor and Council.
 - C. Priorities for 2022
 - 1. Clear Cutting Ordinance will be our first priority.
 - 2. Electric Vehicle charging stations.

3. Planning an Arbor day event to go along with our work on the Clear Cutting Ordinance.
 4. Sustainable Jersey and the Green Team. The interns will spearhead this project and work on researching to complete the priority actions necessary for Sustainable Jersey certification.
 5. Development of an environmental resource inventory. If we had this done by an external expert it would require an addition to our budget, though there may be some grant money available. We will need to get an estimate of the cost before working the price into our budget, requesting it as part of the capital budget, or looking at an alternate path. Tim will do some research into grant opportunities.
- D. We will put together a central calendar/list to keep track of grant deadlines and other events.
- VII. Public Comment
- A. Motion by Phil Maljevic to open to the public. Seconded by Walter Deptuch. Unanimously passed.
 - A. No comment.
 - B. Motion by Walter Deptuch to close to the public. Seconded by Karin Rosenthal. Unanimously passed.
- VIII. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned. Motion by Walter Deptuch to adjourn. Seconded by Karin Rosenthal. Unanimously passed.