

Environmental Commission Meeting

Minutes

January 29, 2020

In Attendance:

Mayor Tom Ferrence

Council Liaison, Heather Wasser

Council Members

Cynthia Soroka Dunn

Andy Anderson, Mary Beth Topor, Louise Reich, Mary Beth Postman, Bruce Steinthal, Polly Zurlini

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Mayor's Remarks

Swearing in of the Commission members

Acknowledgement of James Zaglemayer 7 years of service

Tree Ordinance Update

EC tree ordinance draft has been approved by the Shade Tree Commission

Heather Wasser will be presenting ordinance to the Mayor and Council

Discussion

-Commission budget \$375.

-Rejoin ANJEC?

-Value of participating in Earth Day Fair?

If we participate in the Earth Day Fair our mission should be to educate and inform the public

of our plastics ordinance

-Poster for windows of downtown businesses re plastics ordinance

- Is there a market for recycling? Percentage of residents participating?

-Should the Commission consider purchasing promotional materials to encourage recycling participation? Budgetary concerns

-SUEZ Water/proposed replacement of leadlines/Cost to residents/EC will wait for more information on remediation

-NJ programs for Community Solar/consideration for putting solar on public buildings

-Solar survey had limited responses. Out of 14 homes with solar 5 responded.

-Town Council is conducting further research.

-Request made by EC to have an updated and complete index of open land, critical Environmental areas, consideration to purchase open parcels of land by the borough

-COAH calculations of vacant and available land?

-Green Acres protection

Council Report:

-Curt Simkins, Recycling Coordinator will be doing spot checks of local businesses to confirm Vendors are following the plastics ordinance

-Local businesses are on board with the ordinance

-BCUA continues to try resolving the odor at the Lakeshore railroad crossing, it is being regularly monitored and steps are being taken to rectify it.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM