

Regular Meeting of the Haworth Environmental Commission
Virtual Meeting on Zoom
April 28, 2021

Present: Bruce Steinthal, Chair
Andrew Anderson
Mary Beth Postman
Mary Beth Topor
Heather Wasser, Council Liaison

Absent: Louise Reich
Nick Schneider
Polly Zurlini

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

Acceptance of Minutes

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. Ms. Postman moved to accept the minutes with the revisions presented below. Seconded by Ms. Topor and unanimously carried.

- Add “Heather Wasser, Council Liaison” to list of those attending
- First paragraph on Shade Trees should read as follows “ Bruce spoke to Councilman Andrew Rosenberg re: Forestry Plan/Tree Ordinance and there are currently practices that require approval for the removal of trees when developers submit a site plan. Typically, trees must be replaced.”
- Add at end “Minutes submitted by N. Schneider”

Proposed Ordinance Addressing Trees on Private Property

Ms. Wasser will distribute by email a tree ordinance from Rivervale. Mr. Steinthal said that it will be discussed at the May meeting.

Facebook Administrator

Ms. Wasser stated that the Environmental Commission must have a member serve as administrator of the Commission’s Facebook page. Ms. Postman volunteered for this role.

Borough Solar Power Project

Ms. Wasser explained that the governing body is awaiting further information on the preliminary planning of a photo-voltaic solar project at the DPW yard.

Ordinance Prohibiting Plastics Use

Ms. Wasser said that businesses are in compliance with the ordinance. Mr. Steinthal said that he will speak with the owner of Haworth Cleaners about possible approaches to reducing the use of plastic bags.

Earth Day Activities April 24

Ms. Wasser reported that the event was very well attended and the cleanup resulted in the collection of a large volume of litter. A cherry tree was also planted. Ms. Wasser will forward photos to Ms. Postman for use on the Facebook page.

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There being no further business, Ms. Topor moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Postman and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Minutes submitted by A.R. Anderson