

## **January 2021 Roxbury Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 2021; Virtual Zoom Meeting

Meeting started: 7:00 PM

Attendance: Fred Hall, Lisa Darling, Jackie Vitiello, Tricia Fragale, Steve Ricucci (meeting minutes), and Anne Gale.

Absence: Bill Beckendorf

Members of the Public in Attendance: Andrea Van Bonschoten, Cintra Fricke

Pledge of Allegiance

Jackie began the meeting giving us an update with Linda's Almeny's resignation from the Environmental Commission and recognized her for her work and commitment as garden manger.

Steve Ricucci and Lisa Darling have officially been appointed to the Commission.

### **Members of the Public**

Members of the public were recognized in attendance – Andrea Van Bonschoten and Cintra Fricke. Discussion continued with members of the public involving mostly garden matters.

Several questions were raised including the direction of the community garden since Linda Almeny is no longer garden manger.

A member of the Commission will act as the new garden manager and will be discussed by the Commission in the future. Any thoughts and or ideas are welcome.

Anne has expressed interest in garden manger position. Further discussion on the matter will continue next month.

Other questions raised as to why different garden plots are different sizes with questions on initial layout of plots and garden pathways. The short answer was it just how it initially got laid out by Commission members at the time and plots have morphed over the years.

Pathways need to be that wide to get machinery in if necessary. Potential for new/revised garden mark outs will be discussed by the Commission.

There was a concern garden tools and wheelbarrows will stay out all year. Commissioner will check on tools and wheelbarrows.

Discussed potential plaques for garden plot numbers and if gardeners are responsible for fencing? Answer was yes. Will be discussed further and with new garden manger.

Discussion of a shared email list of gardeners. The Commission previously discussed and decided this would not be appropriate to forward or share emails of gardeners. A sign-up list can maybe be provided at the garden. If gardeners would like to add their email to this list, then they can choose to.

All Roxbury Township residents can attend Environmental Commission meetings.

### **Administrative - Budget**

Tricia- request went in this year for \$ 5,000.00 as usual.

Jackie- Further discussion as to having a secretary or continue with a rotating secretary to take Commission notes.

Fred - Train was donated to Bergen County park. Questions were raised on the Town Facebook page as to why the train was given away. Roxbury Twp. had the train for 30+ years and couldn't generate any interest. Numerous opportunities were presented for volunteers; however, no interest was ever received. Upgrades to track, cost, ADA compliance, and State of NJ regulations to operate train.

### **Planning Board**

Nothing to report currently.

Fenimore – Fred- No update as of now. Will investigate any developments with John.

### **Ongoing Matters/Projects**

Succasunny Day 2021 any ideas? Env. Commission Table with info? Brochures on Town events

Stream monitoring for 2021 results; Commission will sponsor streams LB01 - Ledgewood Stream and FB01 - Flanders Brook.

Black River clean up in April hopefully will occur.

### **Public Outreach**

Spotted lantern fly needs to get in paper for the spring.

The Commission website has been updated with meeting notes.

ANJEC dues for webinars.

### **Garden Matters**

Owl box is in the shed. Need to be mounted/installed by Town or maybe Bill if available. A spot needs to be chosen at the garden.

### **For Discussion Next Month:**

Publications for kids.

Community Outreach.

Motion to adjourn 8:09 PM.