

MINUTES

DEMAREST ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES- REGULAR MEETING

Nov. 23, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.

Public Announcement of Meeting: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to The Star Ledger and The Record and was filed with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Demarest in December 2020.

1. Roll Call: Jessica Wang, Teddy Alevrontas, Angela Rodin, Rajiv Krishnamurthy
2. Open to the Public Concerns/Questions:
Resident Mr. Charles Yuk, a new owner next door to Borough Hall was concerned about the bee fence. It was explained the former owner gave permission so that was the confusion and also Borough Hall/Police Station will be going through renovations, so bee fence will need to be removed. He also asked about the bocce court, and Ms. Wang said she has heard mixed things and wasn't sure.

Resident Lynn Paulison asked about the EC website, and Ms. Wang told her it has been postponed to January 2022. Website will go live then. Ms. Paulison asked about Facebook EC as Ms. Wang had said in earlier months that Facebook was an idea. Ms. Wang said it has not been fully discussed yet as website was more a priority, and that EC was focused on finishing up past projects delayed by COVID.

3. Approval of May 25, 2021, Minutes, motion for approval made by Mr. Alevrontas, seconded by Rajiv Krishnamurthy. All in favor.
4. Old Business:
 1. Demarest honeybees and hummingbirds, new location is still being discussed.
 2. Demarest Middle School Rain Garden/Rutgers has completed in the spring and kids helps install pollinator plants.
 3. Electric leaf blower ordinance discussion will resume in the spring
 4. EC website has been postponed until January 2022 to save on costs.
5. New Business:
 1. NVEF2022 Norwood has been postponed to NVEF2023 due to the younger grades not being fully vaccinated, and the Norwood School Board cannot guarantee indoor space since we do not know how this winter will play out with flu and covid. NVEF meetings will resume in January 2022, it has been discussed to perhaps do a small event.
 2. A motion was made by Mr. Alevrontas for Demarest EC and Demarest Garden Club to give design suggestions to Demarest Library Children's Pollinator Garden, putting past experiences together. Seconded by Ms. Rodin. All in favor.
 3. Ms. Wang has not been able to meet with the Borough's new CFO yet, but asked members to discuss what remaining funds can be used on.

6. Adjournment at 7:49 PM, motion made by Mr. Alevrontas, seconded by Mr. Krishnamurthy. All in favor.
7. Motion to re-open meeting at 7:49PM by Mr. Alevrontas, seconded by Ms. Rodin to review Planning Board plans of 48 Meadow and 11 Central Ave. No major concerns.
8. Adjournment at 7:54PM, motion by Mr. Alevrontas, seconded by Mr. Krishnamurphy. All in favor.