

**MINUTES
DEMAREST ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

AGENDA- REGULAR MEETING

February 27, 2024 - 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 2022.

1. Roll Call: Jessica Wang, Teddy Alevrontas, David Lerner, James Chang, Rajiv Krishnamurphy, Angela Rodin, Jin Kupperman
2. Approval of Minutes:
3. Old Business:
 - A. Demarest Honey Bees and Hummingbirds-on pause as there will be renovation planning
 - B. EC with Demarest Nature Center Spring Clean Up will be Saturday March 2, at 10am, meeting with the Demarest Nature Center adjacent to the Imagination Playground. Trash tongs can be picked up at DPW.
 - C. BCUA 2024 Paper shredding will be at DPW Saturday May 11, 2024 from 9am-1pm.
4. New Business:
 - A. For Sustainable NJ, Ms. Wang said refreshing Anti-Idling Ordinance or Resolution will be need to be submitted. It is now a NJ law that cars cannot be parked an idling for more than three minutes. Mr. Lerner and Mr. Alevrontas spoke about the complaints around schools especially during pick-up time, cars can be idling for 40+ minutes. Ms. Wang said she will speak to Council Slowikowski about this.
 - B. More in-depth discussion was led by Mr. Lerner. He explained that “No Mow May” was a popular nation-wide event to help pollinators. There are signs that can be purchased for \$20, but members thought being extra green and not ask residents to purchase signs. This is an optional event that residents can join in, but not mandatory as some have landscaping contracts. Mr. Lerner made the motion that “Demarest supports ‘No Mow May’ with it being supported by the town but optional for residents to partake in.” Ms. Kupperman seconded. All in favor. Motion passes. Chair Ms. Wang said she will pass this information along to Councilwoman Slowikowski. Ms. Wang said this can also be used as a Sustainable NJ event submission.
5. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 9:10pm by Mr. Alevrontas, seconded by Ms. Rodin. All in favor.