

**MINUTES  
DEMAREST ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**AGENDA- REGULAR MEETING**

**March 26, 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

Present: Councilwoman Andrea Slowikowski

Open to the Public: Residents Noelle Tuntunjian and Lynne Paulison spoke about how much useful waste that is thrown out, and if EC could throw an event like a town garage sale, and Chair Ms. Wang said that is something perhaps Mayor and Council could handle, but that project is too big for EC. They also spoke about updating the recycling and helping residents know where to donate items. Ms. Tuntunjian asked about educating the public about recycling prescription drugs and Mr. Alevrontas showed her on the borough website where it shows to recycle at the police department. Chair Ms. Wang offered that they could have a table to educate the public on May 11<sup>th</sup> at DPW where BCUA mobile paper shredding will take place from 9am-1pm. Ms. Tuntunjian also inquired about the clothing bin next to electronic recycling depot, but no one knew the company that took care of the clothing bin. The residents also made good suggestions where a town clean-up can take place and have joined the Green Team.

2. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve January 2024 minutes was made by Mr. Alevrontas, seconded by Mr. Chang. All in favor. Motion to approve February 2024 minutes made by Mr. Alevrontas, seconded by Mr. Chang. All in favor. January and February 2024 minutes approved.

3. Old Business:

- A. Demarest Honey Bees and Hummingbirds-on pause as there will be renovation planning.
- B. BCUA 2024 Paper shredding will be at DPW Saturday May 11, 2024 from 9am-1pm.
- C. Available EC members will attend next Mayor and Council meeting to explain No Mow May, the need for EC secretary for Sustainable NJ, there was an EC meeting before Covid, honeybees/fence, anti-idling.

4. New Business:

May will be the EC and DGC event for 5<sup>th</sup> graders planting flowers around Memorial monuments at Duck Pond, and hopefully Ray Cywinski will be available again to give half the students the water lecture while the other half plants, and then they switch. Ms. Rodin said she will contact the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher and ask Ray Cywinski, and coordinate a date that works with the Demarest Garden Club members to volunteer. The flowers will be the same order as last year, red, white, purple vincas ordered from the Demarest Garden Club Plant Sale. Mr. Chang made the motion to order the flat of vincas of \$425, and Ms. Rodin seconded. All in favor.

5. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:57pm by Mr. Alevrontas, seconded by Ms. Rodin. All in favor.