

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD: FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

PRESENT: Commission Chairman Nik Aktas, Commission Members: Bob LaViano, Bill Wilson, Jerry DeCrosta, Paul Schulstad (Council Rep.), Mayor Kurpis

ABSENT:

PRESIDING: Commission Chairman Aktas called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm;
Commission Secretary Lisa Ruff read the following statement:

PUBLIC NOTICE: Commission Secretary Lisa Ruff read the following statement: "Notice of this meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act Chapter 231 of the laws of 1975, has been given by posting a notice of the scheduled dates of all regular meetings of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Saddle River on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and in the office of the Borough Clerk and by emailing a notice thereof to the Herald News and The Record on January 3, 2019 and on the Borough website."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the January 28, 2019 minutes by Bob LaViano. Seconded by Bill Wilson
Roll Call Vote: AYES: Unanimous

WORK SESSION:

E.C. new members

Mayor Kurpis and Councilman Schulstad states the two new E.C. members, Mr. Schachtel & Mr. Gines have been appointed.

Arbor Day

Mayor Kurpis states, we should try to do something differently for Arbor Day. It would be nice to do an educational program. So the children can appreciate the countries fundamental values. This would be something the children would remember. E.C. states this is a great idea and that E.C. member B. LaViano would be a great speaker to this program. We would have to reach out to Wandell School and the Borough Landscaper in regards to this suggestion and recommendation.

Borough Trees

E.C. states a suggestion as far as marking trees that need to be knocked down, a professional like our Borough Landscaper can do this. This should be done 1-2 years. E.C. also makes another suggestion is to get in touch with Downes Tree Service being they are qualified in marking trees that need to be knocked down on the main roads. After Sandy PSE & G was one of the processes to go through and see what trees need to come down. Maybe the council can send a letter to PSE & G to activate this process.

E.C. states this request needs to be addressed to our Borough Administrator's attention of what trees along the main roads of Borough of Saddle River that need to be removed and replanted. It is very important to get the dead trees out.

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Removal of old Borough plants to new planting

E.C. states, we are speaking of beautification of the community of Saddle River. E.C. recommends about planting new plants and remove old planting. The target location would be behind the Firehouse and E.C. would like to have a deadline before June 1, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Nobody to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Nik Aktas and seconded by Bill Wilson to adjourn the regular meeting Environmental Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Ruff
Secretary, Environmental Commission