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Municipal Clerk's Office

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Re: Request for Access to Public Records

Greetings:

As requested pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, enclosed is the response from the Borough of Sayreville Clerk's Office.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call my office.

Very truly yours,

Jessica Morelos
Jessica Morelos, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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Green Team meeting: February 8, 2024

- Pawd cast was discussed. We are going to give Jaffe available dates from Sammy's Hope to get this produced.
- We discussed other animals for the Pawd cast
 - ducks / geese down at Kennedy Park
 - dogs / ownership / tethering / responsible ownership
- Another project for us to focus on would be improvements to Kennedy Park which would include:
 - Turtle pond
 - Bramble bushes to keep people for protection for the turtles from people
 - Signs for the residents that give environmental information on our park
 - Species that might be in the park
 - Flowers that might be in the park
- We discussed cleanups at local parks including Duhermal and Water Front Park and working jointly with:
 - South Amboy
 - South River
 - Old Bridge
 - Monroe

Sayreville Environmental Commission Minutes of January 2nd, 2024 Meeting

The January 2nd, 2024 meeting of the Sayreville Environmental Commission was held, in person, Room 308, Sayreville Borough Hall, in accordance with the Sunshine Law of the State of New Jersey. At 7 PM the meeting was called to order by Chair Ernie Read and then was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

- Present:
 - Commission Members present - Ernie Read (Chair), Anton New (Vice-Chair), Shirley Read, Bharti Shah, Minesh Shah, Nicole Waranowicz
 - Donna Roberts (Council Representative)
 - Guests -Elyse Barone (Recycling)
- Absent -, Beverly Johns (excused), Anthony Sposato
- Membership: One position currently unfilled.

Commission Reorganization

- Election of 2024 SEC Officers: (Elected without opposition):
 - Ernie Read: Chair
 - Anton New: Vice Chair (will also act as Treasurer)
 - Nicole Waranowicz: Secretary
- SEC 2024 Council Representative: Donna Roberts
- SEC 2024 Meeting Calendar:

- Dates:

- February 6
- March 5
- April 2
- May 7
- June 4
- September 3
- October 1
- November 6 (Wednesday)
- December 3
- January 7, 2025

- Notes on Calendar Dates

- All meetings are scheduled for Tuesday evenings except Wednesday in November.

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- Currently no scheduled meetings during July and August.
- Calendar to be published by the Clerk's Office.

Commission Business – Old (*Identifies who is charged with reporting monthly on that topic.)

- *Community Garden Update.* (*Anton New & subcommittee)
 - Glenn Skarzynski (Business Administrator) met with SEC members (December 2023) to discuss the future of the Garden.
 - Suggested new site is in Borough Hall Park, near the parking lot across from St. Stan's Church and MacArthur Avenue.
 - The Borough should be able to:
 - Provide water access tapping into supply lines.
 - Provide soil testing via Rutgers University.
 - Move and relocate to the new site existing:
 - Garden plot frames.
 - Garden shed.
 - Garden sign.
 - Gardening equipment.
 - Reasonable amounts of existing garden's treated soil.
 - Provide and install appropriate fencing.
 - Provide solutions to other Garden issues and concerns that will result from the relocation (e.g. Additional soil for the plots, improved security at the new garden site).
 - Target date for completing the relocation is April 1, 2024, with possible opening ceremony on *Earth Day*, April 2024.
 - SEC Garden Subcommittee members.
 - Anton New
 - Shirley Read
 - Ernie Read
- *Riverton: (*Nicole Waranowicz)*
 - Possible groundbreaking Spring 2024.
- *CMC Steel: (*Ernie Read, Shirley Read)*
 - *CAP (Community Advisory Panel)* meeting held December 7th, 2024, at the the CMC mill offices.
 - No environmental issues reported.
 - CMC continues to implement dust control and other such environmentally friendly practices.
 - Next *CAP* is scheduled for March 7th at the offices of the mill.

- **CAG/SLAG:**
 - No official update.
- **Recycling/Green Team: (*Elyse Barone)**
 - Explore and implement future joint efforts including, but not limited to, Sayreville Day 2024.
- **Blue Acres: (*Nicole Waranowicz)**
 - The 2023 Sayreville voter referendum allowing for the use of current *Open Space* funding (without any tax increases to support *Open Space*) to support plans for the *MacArthur Avenue Blue Acres* area was defeated by Sayreville voters during the November 2023 election.
 - Borough Council planning to again place the referendum on the ballot for voter consideration during the November 2024 election.
- **Sayreville Day:**
 - No official date yet set.
 - SEC goals are:
 - To focus on the topic of *Rain Gardens*.
 - Obtain related handouts for *Sayreville Day* attendees.
 - SEC plans to explore working with other Sayreville commissions to support a new referendum to permit the use of existing *Open Space* resources to help fund improvements to the *Blue Acres* areas adjacent to *MacArthur Avenue*.

Commission Business – New

- To better prepare for participation during the *Annual Sayreville Day*, the SEC decided to focus on a yearly mission statement.
 - This will encourage earlier, more focused, and effective planning for the event.
 - This will also serve as a focus topic for the SEC to actively engage in during that year.
 - The 2024 focus will be “*Rain Gardens*.”
 - An ANJEC speaker, focusing on *Rain Gardens*, was scheduled to address the January 2024 SEC meeting, but was unable to attend.
 - SEC will try to reschedule the speaker for the February 2024 meeting.
- SEC will explore having a page on the Borough Website.

Public Portion

- Garden members discussed their concerns and questions during the portion of the meeting concerning the Garden relocation.
 - One major concern is the "wetness" of the site especially with its effect on growing within the raised plots.

Next scheduled SEC meeting Tuesday, February 6, 2024, in Room 308 @ Borough Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ernie Read, SEC Chair

Chairman Read opened the Environmental Commission Meeting at 7:00 PM followed by a salute to the flag.

• **STATEMENT OF NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Ms. Waranowicz announced that this meeting complies with Open Public Meetings Act Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

• **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mr. Read, Ms. Read, Mr. New (arrived at 7:05pm), Mr. Ellmyer, Ms. Waranowicz, Ms. Johns (left at 7:52pm), Mr. and Mrs. Shah

Absent: None

Others Present: Donna Roberts, Council Liaison
Elyse Barone, Recycling Coordinator

• **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:**

Ms. Read moved the following minutes be approved subject to correction if necessary.

❖ March 5, 2024

Seconded by Mr. Read.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes

• **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Notice of Public Hearing from the Sayreville Zoning Board for a variance and permit for a sign at 575 Jernee Mill Road
- b. Notice of Treatment Works Approval Permit Application for Former Sayreville Generating Station.

Ms. Johns made a motion to accept the correspondence. Seconded by Chairman Read.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes

• **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) **Rain Gardens:** Elyse commented on the previous Rain Garden presentation, questioned the funding and said that more research needs to be done on the maintenance of the gardens.

Ms. Johns made a motion to table the Rain Garden Project until we have more information. Seconded by Ms. Read.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes

- b) **Riverton:** No new updates.

- c) **CMC Steel:** Ms. Read announced that they will be meeting this week and will report following that meeting.

- d) **CAG/SLAG:** No new updates.

- e) **Recycling/Green Team:** Ms. Barone gave updates regarding her teams and the clean up on April 13th and the Council Meeting presentation on April 8th.

- f) **Blue Acres Flood Plain Restoration Area:** No new updates.

- g) **Community Garden:** Chairman Read gave status update on garden and a possible ribbon cutting. Mr. New gave additional information on the garden. The Borough will be providing soil and woodchips which the garden members will be responsible for placing. Mr. New had concerns about the logistics of the garden members doing this and he has hopes for the Borough’s assistance. Ms. Barone suggested volunteers to assist. Mr. New discussed flooding and drainage issues in the new area and there is a need for the garden committee to review options for mitigating that issue.

h) **Appointments:** Appointments were made to the Community Garden Committee:

- 1 Yr. Term: Robin Critelli & Bharti Shah
- 2 Yr. Term: Cassandra Dougherty & Joseph Volpe
- 3 Yr. Term: Anton New, Sharon Wells & Dakota Johnson

Ms. Read made a motion accept the appointments as listed. Seconded by Ms. Johns.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on changes to the Environmental Commission Ordinance.

Ms. Read made a motion to accept the changes to the ordinance for membership, powers and reports. Seconded by Ms. Shah.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes

Ms. Barone discussed local business involvement in sustainability and suggested an “Environmental Shoutout” on Social Media.

Councilwoman Roberts questioned the Garden timeline and there was a discussion on fees.

EARTH DAY: Discussion on Earth Day festivities and giveaways for the table on April 20, 2024.

Ms. Waranowicz made a motion to order giveaways for Earth Day based on availability. Seconded by Mr. New.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes

- **PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Read opened to the public.

There were no comments.

Mr. Shah made a motion to close the Public Portion. Seconded by Chairman Read.

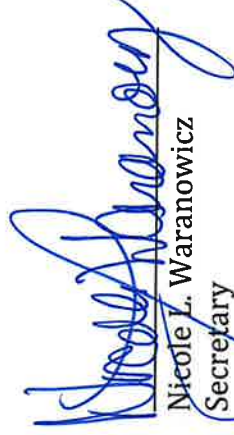
Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

No further business Mr. Shah made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chairman Read.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

Time 9:10 P.M.


Nicole L. Waranowicz
Secretary
Sayreville Environmental Commission

Date Approved: 5/7/24

Vice Chairman New opened the Environmental Commission Meeting at 7:06 PM followed by a salute to the flag.

• **STATEMENT OF NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Ms. Waranowicz announced that this meeting complies with Open Public Meetings Act Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

• **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mr. New, Ms. Waranowicz, Mr. and Mrs. Shah

Absent:

Mr. Read, Mrs. Read, Ms. Johns, Mr. Ellmyer,

Others Present: Elyse Barone, Recycling Coordinator

• **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:**

Ms. Waranowicz moved the following minutes be approved subject to correction if necessary.

❖ April 2, 2024
Seconded by Mr. Shah.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes

• **CORRESPONDENCE:**

NONE

• **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) *Riverton:* No new updates.
- b) *CMC Steel:* No new updates.
- c) *CAG/SLAG:* No new updates.
- d) *Recycling/Green Team:* Ms. Barone reported that the clean up on Earth Day had about 100 people and that she met with the Girl Scouts about potential art projects for Kennedy Park made out of plastic bottles
- e) *Blue Acres Flood Plain Restoration Area:* No new updates.
- f) *Community Garden:* Discussion occurred on the scheduling of an orientation and deadline for payments for the garden. Committee is meeting for the first time on May 13th. Ms. Barone spoke on the funds and the procedure for assigning plots. Discussion on the farmers market that is hoping to be launched this summer and possibility for grants and the need to purchase equipment.
- g) Ms. Waranowicz gave an update on the status on the ordinance.

• **NEW BUSINESS:**

NONE

• **PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. New opened to the public.

There were no comments.

Ms. Waranowicz made a motion to close the Public Portion. Seconded by Mr. New.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

No further business Mr. Shah made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Waranowicz.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

Time 8:30 P.M.

Nicole L. Waranowicz
Secretary
Sayreville Environmental Commission

Date Approved:

Sayreville Environmental Commission

June 4, 2024

The June 4, 2024 meeting of the Sayreville Environmental Commission was held in person in Room 308, Sayreville Borough Hall, in accordance with the Sunshine Law of the State of New Jersey. At 7PM the meeting was called to order by Chair Ernie Read and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

- Commission Members present - Mrs. Read, Mr. New, Ms. Johns, Mr. Read
- Council Representative- Donna Roberts
- Recycling Coordinator - Elyse Barone
- Absent - (excused) Ms. Waranowicz, Mr. and Mrs. Shah
 - Unexcused - Mr. Ellmyer
- **Approval of May 7, 2024 minutes**
 - Motion to accept made by Ms. Johns
 - Seconded by Mr. New
 - Approved by Voice vote, all Ayes.

• Correspondence

- Public Notice: NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation Line Verification General permit #2 Utility Crossing
- Freshwater Wetlands Permit Application Notice to Neighboring Landowners from Sayreville Seaport Associated Urban Renewal, L.P.

Commission Business - Old

- Riverton: No official update.
- **CMC Steel: Community Advisory Panel meeting scheduled for June 6, 2024.**
- CAG/SLAG: No official update.
- Recycling/Green Team:
 - Intern working on Sustainable NJ
- Blue Acres: No official update.
- Community Garden:
 - 32 Plots assigned to gardeners (currently no donation plots) with 12 plots available.
 - Orientation held May 15, 2024: included review of bylaws and basic startup instructions.
 - Cooler to be available during harvest season to accept donations from the gardeners.
 - Possibility of herb gardens using plastic bins purchased earlier by Borough.
 - Garden Committee to meet the first Monday of each month.
 - Sign needed to recognize those who have assisted with/donated to the garden.
- Sayreville Day scheduled for September 15, 2024; SEC will participate.

Commission Business - New

- None

Public Portion

- None

Next scheduled SEC meeting Tuesday, September 3, 2024, Room 308 @ Borough Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

- Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Johns
- Seconded by Mr. New
- Approved by Voice vote, all Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by:
Ernie Read; SEC Chair

Sayreville Environmental Commission

October 1, 2024

The October 1, 2024 meeting of the Sayreville Environmental Commission was held in person in Room 308, Sayreville Borough Hall, in accordance with the Sunshine Law of the State of New Jersey. At 7PM the meeting was called to order by Chair Ernie Read and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

- Commission Members present – Mrs. Read, Mr. New, Ms. Johns, Mr. Read
- Council Representative- Donna Roberts
- Recycling Coordinator – Elyse Barone
- Absent – Ms. Waranowicz, Mr. Shah, Mrs. Shah, Mr. Ellmyer
- Correspondence – None

Commission Business – Old

- Riverton:
 - Some work is underway.
 - *QuikChek, Chick-fil-A* scheduled to be built.
- CMC Steel:
 - Community Advisory Panel meeting held September 12, 2024.
 - No environmental issues/concerns reported.
 - Dust prevention practices will continue weather permitting.
 - Environmental Justice & Title V Permit Renewal
 - As part of the process, a virtual web meeting to be held October 24, 2024.
 - Mr. & Mrs. Read (CAP members) were invited to physically attend (at the Mill Offices) representing the SEC.

• CAG/SLAG:

- Financial responsibility determined.
 - Old Bridge, National Lead and EPA responsible for remediation costs.
 - Sayreville not mentioned

• Recycling/Green Team:

- Intern working on Sustainable NJ

• Blue Acres: No official update.

• Community Garden:

- The annual garden picnic scheduled for Sunday, October 6, 2024.
- Garden clean up for the season is beginning, November 1st end on garden season.
- The Garden Committee is scheduled to meet the first Monday of each month.
- Sign needed to recognize those who have assisted with/donated to the garden.
- Two openings (three-year terms) starting January 2025 on the Garden Committee.

• Other Topics:

- Discussed idea of *high school interns* serving on SEC.

Commission Business – New

- 2025 SEC Membership Openings
 - Four openings starting January 2025
 - Mrs. Johns will not apply for another term.

Public Portion

- None

Next scheduled SEC meeting Wednesday, November 6, 2024, Room 308 @ Borough Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

- Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Johns
- Seconded by Mr. New
- Approved by Voice vote, all Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ernie Read; SEC Chair

Chairman Read opened the Environmental Commission Meeting at 7:05 PM followed by a salute to the flag.

- **STATEMENT OF NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Ms. Waranowicz announced that this meeting complies with Open Public Meetings Act Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

- **ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Mr. New, Ms. Waranowicz, Mr. and Mrs. Read and Mr. and Mrs. Shah

Absent:

Ms. Johns, Mr. Ellmyer,

Others Present:

Council President Donna Roberts

Others Absent:

Elyse Barone, Recycling Coordinator

- **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:**

Mrs. Read moved the following minutes be approved subject to correction if necessary.

❖ October 1, 2024

Seconded by Mr. New.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes

- **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- NONE

- **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) **Riverton:** Ms. Waranowicz gave update on the timeline for Bass Pro Shops and the other approved buildings.
- b) **CMC Steel:** Mrs. Read reported that their last meeting was on 10/24 with a good informative presentation on Title V Air Systems.
- c) **CAG/SLAG:** Mr. Read reported on a news article about the costs and that Sayreville is not mentioned as being financially responsible for any of it.
- d) **Blue Acres Flood Plain Restoration Area:** No new updates. Approved to be moved off the agenda in the future unless something regarding this comes up.
- e) **Community Garden:** Discussion on appointments and committee meeting dates. Mr. New gave an update on the garden and the fall picnic as well as mentioned the purchase of a new shed and need to begin replacing the garden bed with steel instead of wood. A discussion ensued on the sturdiness of the metal beds, adding more pollinator beds and raised beds along with the hosting of Spring and Fall events.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion made by Mr. New to accept 2025 Calendar of meeting dates.

Seconded by Mr. Shah

Discussion on the role of the commission and the collaborative nature that is supposed to exist between multiple boards and commissions in Sayreville.

- **PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Read opened to the public.

There were no comments.

Mr. Read made a motion to close the Public Portion. Seconded by Ms. Read.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

No further business Ms. Waranowicz made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Mrs. Read.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

Time 8:05 P.M.



Nicole L. Waranowicz
Secretary
Sayreville Environmental Commission

Date Approved: