



**BOROUGH OF RARITAN, SOMERSET COUNTY**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
*July 20, 2017*

Chairman Delacruz called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Chairman Delacruz read the following Open Public Meetings Act Statement:

“In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, be advised that adequate notice of this Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset was made by the posting on the bulletin board at the Borough Hall and transmitted to the officially designated newspapers indicating that this Meeting would take place at the Borough Hall, Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. on July 20, 2017. In addition a copy of this notice is and has been made available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.”

The roll call was as follows:

Present: Mark Clark, Thomas Delacruz, Chairman, Olga Metaxas, Diana Russo,  
Absent: Michael DeCicco, Ann Marie McCarthy, Secretary, Eric Wilde, Rick Zack, Planning Board Liaison and Paul Giraldi, Council Liaison

Everyone present participated in the Salute to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Delacruz presented the following minutes for approval: April 29, 2017. The aforesaid minutes were approved upon motion by Ms. Russo, seconded by Mr. Clark and carried upon voice vote.

**REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

No report was made at this time.

**REPORT FROM PLANNING BOARD**

No report was made at this time.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Delacruz, seconded by Ms. Metaxas to open the meeting to the public. Said motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

Jim Foohey, Councilman, spoke of planting dogwood trees at Canal Park. Chairman Delacruz suggested the Environmental Commission purchase seven (7) dogwood trees to be planted by the Commission members at Canal Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Delacruz, seconded by Ms. Metaxas to close the meeting to the public. Said motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**Motion** – Environmental Commission to Purchase Dogwood Trees for Canal Park

A motion was made by Chairman Delacruz, seconded by Ms. Metaxas that the Environmental Commission will purchase seven (7) dogwood trees to be planted in the Fall with the funds to come from the Commission budget not to exceed \$500.00. Said motion was carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Clark researched the NJ Clean Energy Program relative to an energy audit of the municipal building and potential for the design/building of the Washington School project. After further discussion, it was agreed that more detailed information should be provided and discussed with Council Liaison Giraldi for discussion with the Mayor and Council.

Ms. Metaxas presented an article on the Bridgewater Eco Blast. Chairman Delacruz indicated he would reach out to the Chairperson of the Bridgewater Environmental Commission to see if there are projects that the two groups could collaborate on.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Chairman Delacruz, seconded by Ms. Russo to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Approved:  
Date:

Ann Marie McCarthy, Secretary