

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting**

**November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**MINUTES**

1) Open Public Meetings 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 posting on the Raritan Borough website indicating that this Meeting would take place at the Raritan Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

2) Roll Call

- In attendance: Juan Alvarez; Olga Metaxas; Tony Sacino; Adam Armahizer, Council Liaison; Heath Hofmeister
- Not in attendance: Christopher Gussman; Ryan Bellinger; Emilie Stander; Michael DeCicco; Denise Carra, Planning Board Liaison

3) Flag Salute

4) Approval of Minutes from October 26<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Hofmeister made a motion to approve the minutes; Ms. Metaxas seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with no revisions.

5) Report from Borough Council

Councilman Armahizer spoke about the Election Results. Mayor Bray and Councilman Orozco will be leaving this year. Nick Carra will become the borough's mayor in January, along with new councilman Tozzi and Patente. Proposed work at Elizabeth Ave park has been turned down by council. An idea of a splash park at Frelinghuysen Park has been looked into by council. The new Administration building is coming along, and we may be having our next RBEC meeting there by January 2024.

6) Report from Planning Board

None of the members attended the most recent Planning Board meeting.

7) Public Comment

Mr. Nick Fulton of Hillsborough attended the meeting (invited by Councilman Armahizer). Mr. Fulton did not contribute a public comment.

8) Discussion Items

- Clean Communities event planning  
The cleanup plan is for two clean ups next year, one maybe in April and the other in September again.
- Stormdrain stenciling update  
Mr. Hofmeister and Mr. Sacino have stenciled all of Thompson Street from Somerset Street to route 202, plus other side streets between. Mr. Hofmeister took pictures of the stenciling, and Mr. Sacino sent copies to Mr. Matthew D'Alessandro, who was happy with the what we have done.

- Mr. Armahizer discussed the letter sent to council by Eugene DeStefano. Mr. Armahizer thinks that responding back to Mr. DeStefano and inviting him to visit a future Environmental Commission meeting so we can hear his ideas.

9) Vote on December Meeting

EC members voted unanimously to cancel our next scheduled meeting in December meeting due to it being too close to the holidays. Our next meeting will be held on January 18, 2024. The location of the meeting will be announced.

10) Adjournment

Ms. Metaxas made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Sacino seconded the motion.