

# Rahway Environmental Commission

## MINUTES

Thursday, October 11, 2018

7:00 PM

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM.

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### ROLL CALL

On a call of the roll, the following Commissioners and Officials were present:

Mr. Jeffrey Robinson, Chairman  
Mr. Joseph Paszek, Commissioner  
Ms. Margaret Najjar, Commissioner  
Mr. Alexander Parker – Commissioner  
Ms. Clea Carchia, Commissioner  
Ms. Denise Rolong, Commissioner  
Mr. James Keane, Commissioner  
Ms. Michelle Gil, Alternate Commissioner  
Ms. Pauline Feldman, Alternate Commissioner  
Ms. Gina Holmes, Clerk

**Absent:** Council Liason Jennifer Wenson-Maier  
Commissioner Denise Rolong  
Alternate Commissioner Michelle Gil  
Alternate Commissioner Pauline Feldman

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### FLAG SALUTE

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### MINUTES

Approval of amended minutes of the Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2018

Motion: Commissioner Najjar

Seconded: Commissioner Carchia

Unanimously approved w/correction

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## **SPEAKER**

None

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## **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

None

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## **COMMUNICATIONS**

All communications were reviewed and discussed.

None

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## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*UC Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board* - (Chairman Robinson is the EC rep to this Board)  
Meeting held on 9/17/18 – not much new. Reviewed study by Port Authority on sound study.

*Bayway CAP* – (Commissioner Paszek is the EC rep to this Board)  
Meeting held on 10/9/18. Reviewed the plan for Trembly Point (Blue acres) being turned into parklands and raingardens. Discussion was held about a quiet zone for trains in the same area.

Rahway Environmental Commission 25 years of service Resolution – waiting to hear from the City of Rahway Business Administrator.

Chairperson Robinson and Commissioner Carchia will be attending the ANJEC 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on 10/12/18.

Commissioner Carchia received quotes for t-shirts. Chairman Robinson will send email's to take orders from members.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

ANJEC Report – The City of Rahway was mentioned in the report for being a recipient of the Open Space Stewardship Grant. The City of Rahway was also mentioned in reference to the chlorinated water (chemicals). Suez Water is using granular activated carbons to clear the water of chemicals.

Senator Bob Smith from Middlesex County has introduced a bill banning Styrofoam use by business's including plastic straws and plastic bags.

Discussion was held on the Emerald Ash Borer and the impact on tree's in our County and City.

Discussion and handout presented on the Spotted Lantern Fly in NJ and the damage that is being caused in Pennsylvania because of this fly.

TD Bank will be planting trees in Mione/Berzinec parks on 10/12/18. Approximately 48 trees will be planted and they are looking for volunteers.

On 10/15/18 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a meeting held at the Chilsom Community Center in Springfield as being a potential hub for Union County Environmental Committee's.

The Rahway River Watershed Association had a successful day working in the garden at 337 E. Milton Ave. garden – 12 volunteers/5 hours.

On 10/13/18 at the Cranford Community center there will be a Visual Assessment Training Course.

On 10/20 and 10/21 in Pennington, NJ there will be an intensive Stream School seminar – visual and biological.

On 10/14/18 at the Cranford Coffee House the Friends of Rahway River Parkway Group will hold their calendar event.

Commissioner Carchia spoke at the last Chamber of Commerce meeting and received some new membership applications.

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## **SITE PLAN REVIEW/PLANNING & ZONING BOARD ITEMS**

98 E. Emerson – demolish house/sub divide and building two new homes – 1 single family and 1 two family – NO ISSUES

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## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

None

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## **ADJOURN**

The next Regular meeting of the Environmental Commission will be held Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 7 PM at 337 E. Milton Ave., Rahway, NJ. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion: Commissioner Carchia  
Seconded: Commissioner Rolong  
Unanimously approved

At 9:54 pm