

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER  
HELD: MARCH 28, 2016**

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**PRESENT:** Commission Chairman Bob LaViano, Commission Members: Nik Aktas, Nicholas Turturro, Ron Yates, Jeff Liva, Planning Board Rep

**ABSENT:** Board Members Emily Kaufman, Jerry DeCrosta, Ron Gray, Council Rep

**PRESIDING:** Commission Chairman LaViano called the meeting to order at 6:45pm; Commission Secretary Joy Convertini read the following statement:

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** "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 December 16, 2015 and on the Borough website."

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve the February 23, 2016 minutes by Jeff Liva. Seconded by Nicholas Turturro  
Roll Call Vote: AYES: Unanimous

**WORK SESSION:**

**River Boom Project**

Bob LaViano stated that the Borough has put aside a budget for a new boom for The Saddle River. The Commission is collectively concerned that, without proper and scheduled maintenance, a new boom will not solve the accumulation of debris. Bob Laviano suggests the commission bring these concerns to Mayor and Council, encouraging them to look into hiring a water hydrolysis or having the Army Corps of Engineers come and look at the area of concern.

**Borough Newsletter**

Bob LaViano stated that the Environmental Commission has not been solicited for any information to contribute to the newsletter. He further stated that he bring this up to Ron Grey, Council Rep.

Joy Convertini, the Commission Secretary, stated that the Borough will be working on the spring newsletter. She handed out pertinent environmental information and it was decided that Bob LaViano would narrow it down to a couple topics and Ron Yates would write a column for the Borough newsletter as well.

**Roadside and Property Maintenance**

Bob LaViano stated that many residents have been diligent in cleaning their properties. He further stated that he gave Martin Spence, Borough Engineer, a letter regarding twelve properties in town he feels are in need of attention but, has not seen improvements.

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Nik Aktas stated that these properties have been an on-going problem for years. He suggested the commission should follow up with Bruce Mautz, DPW and Martin Spence, Borough Engineer.

**Dogwood Tree Planting**

Bob LaViano stated that he has not addressed the Mayor about the Dogwood planting as of yet. He further stated he would be speaking with him to decide how many trees to purchase and will order them.

Nik Aktas stated he has been surveying locations around town where planting can take place. He further stated the importance of buying trees large enough to prohibit deer from eating them and/or protect them once planted.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the Environmental Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cremer  
Secretary