

**South Plainfield Environmental Commission**  
**Official Minutes - January 12, 2022**  
**Reorganization Meeting**

**1. Call to Order**

Notice having been filed with the Courier News and S.P. Observer, Chairwoman Dorothy Miele called the Environmental Commission meeting to order in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act at 7:30 pm.

**Present:** Dorothy Miele (chairwoman), Tom Walsh, John Ferguson, Debra Leporino, Adam Butrico, Jonathan Walezak, Pete Smith (council liaison) and Rich Houghton (planning board liaison).

**Alternate members present:**

**Associate members present:** Lisa Roseo (secretary)

**Others:** Dr. A. Tempel (environmental specialist)

**Absent:**

**2. Adopt By-Laws**

Dorothy said if the commission wants to continue to meet at 7:30 pm, we need to amend our By-Laws. John made a motion to formally approve the amendment, seconded by Jonathan, all were in favor.

Under Article VI, we need to add "SPEC will annually appoint a member to serve as liaison to the South Plainfield Human Relations Commission. Debra made a motion to formally approve, seconded by Adam, and all were in favor.

Pete asked if we would continue to meet at Boro Hall. Yes, we will.

Adam made a motion to approve the amended By-Laws, seconded by Tom, all were in favor.

**3. Elect Vice-Chairperson**

John Ferguson will remain as the Vice-Chairman. There were no objections, all were in favor.

**4. Appoint Committee Chairpersons**

Dorothy noted we only have one member of SPEC as a full member of the Green Team. Jonathan volunteered to become a full member of the Green Team. The following SPEC members are full members of the Green Team: Tom Walsh and Jonathan Walezak.

Adam made a motion to approve the Green Team as specified in the By-Laws, seconded by Debra, all were favor.

Dorothy thanked all members who worked hard this past year on the Green Team. She mentioned her disappointment on the absence of mentioning the work of the Green Team at the Mayor's State of the Union address. Pete did speak about the Green Team's goals & accomplishments at the last council meeting. Dorothy and Dr. Tempel both said it was included in the list of 'Accomplishments & Goals '

read by Glenn Cullen.

We will remove Jim Schmidt as Co-Chair of the 'Forestry Committee'.

There were no other changes.

**5. Set Schedule of Meetings**

The meetings will remain on the second Wednesday of each month @7:30 pm.

**6. Adjournment**

The reorganization meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Roseo  
Environmental Commission Secretary