Clinton Township Environmental Commission (CTEC)

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 5, 2025 – 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

This meeting can be accessed virtually via Microsoft Teams - Meeting ID: 264 985 909 638 5; Passcode: gw9hv6by.

Meeting commenced at 7:02 pm

This is the June 5th, 2025, public meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Township of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon and the State of New Jersey. Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act in that an Annual Notice was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the notice for this meeting was posted on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building.

Attendance Call

Attendees:	Apologies
Geoff Varty (Chair) Danielle Kearsley (Vice Chair) Robert Parkanyi Doug Pecota Mario Caballero Dan Aguanno, Alternate #2 Amy Switlyk (Council Liaison)	Sandra Butcher Amelia Reitman, Alternate #1 Sandra Millward Daniel Magda (Watershed Ambassador)

Open to Public:

- Phil Streicher attended. Lives on Lilac Dr, between Payne and Red School House R.
- Continual flooding from Bundt farm. Hits 50 feet from his house. 20 yards of dirt washed away yearly. This started when they ran the pipeline over Lilac Dr. Phil has photos and videos available.
- DK can bring this up to the MS4 engineer.
- Phil will contact DK.

Approve meeting minutes

- **May Meeting minutes (Eligible members: GV, DK, RP, SW, DP, DA)**
  - Proposer: RP; Seconder: DK
  - Minutes approved unanimously

Correspondence

- None received

Old Business

- **Latest on E-Coli sampling along the Rockaway Creek (DK)**
  - DEP did additional samples on May 22, 2025 and we have received the test results.
  - Test results show elevated e-Coli numbers (4,700 to 70,000 cfu/100ml).
  - The 70,000 location is downstream from the farm in Readington Twp.
  - We need to map out the different locations to try to pinpoint the source.
  - After this round, the DEP will probably start testing additional locations.
  - DK will try to meet with the DEP next week to define next steps.
- **Highlands Watershed Advisory Committee update (DK, DP, GV, SK)**
  - No updates
- **Exxon (DA)**
  - No updates from the last meeting.
  - Exxon didn't accept the SADC offer.
  - They are not eligible to use the formula-based offer.
  - As per Stephanie Miller, it is not out of their radar. She has not lost hope.
  - DA would like to go to an Open Space meeting. Need to coordinate with DP to determine when the next Open Space meeting.
  - AS stated that the Open Space committee may not have more information than what we have.
- **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit (MS4) (DK)**
  - Township confirmed that a contracted engineer (Mr. Shreck) is working on the permit
- **Event Feedback (All)**
  - RHA Melick's Bridge tree planting – Monday May 5 & Tuesday May 6: RP, DP
    - RP and DP participated.
    - Tuesday afternoon was cancelled due to weather.
  - Community Day, Saturday May 10: GV, AS, DK, RP, DP, AR, SM
    - Well attended despite weather.
    - Many EC members participated.
    - Light attendance from vendors.
    - Gave away all ~200 Pin Oaks and Red Buds
    - Could not use the watershed model due to the wind.
    - Need to get additional giveaways. GV to look into vendors
  - Windy Acres tree planting – Saturday May 17: AS, DK, GV, MC, RP, DP, AR
    - Good turnout from the EC and public.
    - Planted about 100 trees.

- **Summer/Fall Township Cleanup**
  - MC and GV will discuss details to bring to the August EC meeting

New Business

- **No new business**

Reports

- **Council (AS)**
  - Municipal Tax: Proposed 6.4% municipal tax increase which is about $192/household/year It will be adopted at the next council meeting (June 11, 2025). If there are any questions, we can reach out to Bill Glaser.
  - Affordable Housing: There have been several executive sessions for affordable housing. We are closed to a deadline to submit the plans. Was supposed to be 150 affordable housing units, hoping to get the numbers down with the help of the Highlands Council. Due to the Highlands Act, we are protected from building much in the Exxon location. June 30, 2025 special joint meeting (Council + Planning Board) at the Police Station building at 7pm.
  - EC budget is $2,500 for 2025.
    - Should get giveaways, and hats or t-shirts to identify members at events. Save money for Clinton Twp. Newsletter. ANJEC is $400-450
- **Planning Board (SB)**
  - The applicant for South Branch Veterinary has indicated that they will look to follow the various recommendations made at the PB meeting concerning the scope of its facility expansion including those from EC.
  - Application for preliminary and final site plan approval was included in order to memorialize the 2 “C" variances being sought.
  - A new alternate member was added to the PB
- **Open Space (DP)**
  - Possible Acquisitions – Property owner at B 68, Lot 3 asked for OS to acquire his 5 acre parcel. Adjacent to Spruce Run off route 31.
  - Request from the administrator to consider reducing trails to maintain. Dakota's salary is party paid by the Open Space fund. With the new administrator, the activities that the Open Space committee members have been reduced significantly.
  - Tee pads were not done properly at the Disc Golf court. DPW used stone dust and it is washing away and are not the right size.
  - Toolboxes at various open space properties were taken without notice. Only Windy Acres is being returned.
  - Hunting program – Les and Mike created the program. The township is going to take it over with assistance from Mike. Next year the township will take it over completely.
- **Green Team (RP)**
  - Submitted the second round of Sustainable Jersey certification. We submitted 185 points (need 150 for Bronze). Will hear back in June what actions were accepted.
  - RP attended a High Bridge meeting.
  - Green Fair (MC/RP)
    - October 11 (Rain Date October 18)
    - Music
    - EVA
    - Tia B's Taco
    - RP will check with the new Rec Director Lisa Michaels to confirm the dates are open at Bundt Park.
  - Members have been dwindling.
- **Site Plan Review Subcommittee (GV)**
  - No update
- **Watershed Ambassador (Daniel)**
  - MC to schedule a Stream Assessment in September Prescott Creek.

Upcoming Events:

- **Round Valley School Garden clean up**
  - Saturday, June 7, 9 am
- **Tree Planting, Round Valley Reservoir**
  - Monday, June 16, 9 am – 12 pm
  - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtuB8Hm8XsemTaRZgQ2-fjmBKDe6s7Zhjo8rjok77VNUtwUQ/viewform?usp=send_form
- **Annandale Train Station Cleanup (GV)**
  - Schedule for June 28 at 9 am
- **Green Fair**
  - October 11 / 18 (rain date) pending confirmation from Rec.
- **Township Clean up**
  - November TBD

Open to Public

Agreement to cancel July 3, 2025 CTEC meeting. Next meeting will be held on August 7, 2025.

Motion to Adjourn

  - Proposer: RP; Seconder: MC

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm