

Clinton Township Environmental Commission (CTEC)

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 5, 2023 – 7:00 pm

WebEx Meeting

Meeting commenced at 7:03 pm

Attendees:	Apologies
Mario Caballero (Chair) Geoff Varty (Vice Chair) Danielle Kearsley Robert Parkanyi Sandra Butcher (Planning Board Liaison) Amy Switlyk (Council Liaison) Doug Pecota	Sandra Millward Michael Lennick Allison Wheelan (Watershed Ambassador)

Guests: None

Open to Public

- No comments from the public

Approval of minutes

- December Meeting Minutes – Motion by GV, seconded by RP – Approved without objection

Correspondence

- Received an email that will be discussed under New Business

Reports

- **Council**
 - Township Council made a proclamation recognizing the awarding of the “Sustainable Jersey” certification at the January 4 council meeting.
- **Planning Board (SB)**
 - No Report
- **Open Space (AS)**
 - Open position for Parks Supervisor for the DPW was posted.
 - Forestry Management Plans are in.
 - Michelle Lee, High Bridge Mayor, was appointed Sustainable NJ Hero.
 - Ash Tree Issue - Getting quote to clear at Windy Acres
 - Hacketts Preserve Property - Trying to work with High Bridge for trail expansion.
- **Green Team (MC)**
 - Continue to work on Pedestrian study
 - Bike study

- EV show
- Full Moon Hike and Campfire at the Arboretum
- **Watershed Ambassador (AW)**
 - No Report

Old business

- **NJ Salt Watch Study (DP)**
 - Four locations finalized plan to meet with ES&EA students and Renee Stillwell: South Branch of the Raritan (near Hamden Road Pump Station), Cramers Creek (police station), Beaver Brook (Herman Thau), and Rockaway Creek (Windy Acres). Will begin testing after salt is applied.
- **Spring Clean Up event (MC)**
 - The spring cleanup dates are finalized. Decided to move forward with both clean up events.
 - April 22 (Earth Day) – In conjunction with ProActivity (road cleanup)
 - April 15 In conjunction with Raritan Watershed (stream cleanup)
- **Budget 2022/2023**
 - Proposal \$1500. Current items trees and ANJEC dues.
- **Annual Report**
 - Draft on EC google doc page for members to review and give MC feedback.

New Business (MC)

- **2023 Goals**
 - Walkability Study in Annandale Village
 - Bicycle Study in area surround Bundt Park
 - Complete Street Policy Implementation
 - Equity and Diversity Sustainable Jersey Actions
 - EV Charger Installation
 - Spring Cleanup Event
 - Educational Walks
 - Water Testing Events
 - Green Fairs
 - EV Car Shows
 - Stream Assessments
 - Rain Garden Demonstration Project
 - Road Salt Water Monitoring

- Bulk Tree Planting at Windy Acres
- Partnership with surrounding ECs and Green Teams
- NJ Transit Adopt a Station Program
- **PSEG Sustainable Jersey Grant**
 - Deadline is next month. Possible Pricing for meadow restoration
- **Hike/Cleanup event at Spruce Run**
 - Deadline to sign up was today.
- **Community Day**
 - Community Day is April 29. CTEC will take shifts to work at the table. No EV car show at Community Day. Trees need to be ordered. DK will put together a stormwater brochure to distribute at the event.
- **Highlands Council**
 - **Highlands Council is putting together a movie/film.**
- **Rutgers**
 - Completed a study and gave the report to the CTEC. In the report spots were identified that would be optimal for the installation of rain gardens. Two of the locations were on the property of North Hunterdon High School.
- **NJ Transit Adopt a Station**
 - NJ Transit has a program called adopt a station. Requires 4 clean ups per year, plantings and signs.
- **Windy Acres Birds Page**
 - Eastern bluebird is the Eastern Kingbird Picture. AS will update the powerpoints and include them in the share drive.
- **Site Plan review**
 - Mario reached out to Denise regarding when we should be getting site plans for review.

§ 165-22 **Referral to Environmental Commission.**

Whenever an Environmental Commission has prepared and submitted to the Planning Board an index of the natural resources of the municipality, the Planning Board shall make available to the Environmental Commission an informational copy of every application for development submitted to the Planning Board. Failure of the Planning Board to make such informational copy available to the Environmental Commission shall not invalidate any hearing or proceeding.

- SB will bring it up at the next planning board meeting to make sure that the CTEC is receiving copies of the drawings.

Business for next meeting

- No report

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion by AS, seconded by MC. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm