

Clinton Township Environmental Commission (CTEC)

Thursday, February 2, 2023
1370 Route 31 North, Annandale, NJ 08801 (In-person); WebEx Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Attendees <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mario Caballero, Chair• Geoff Varty, Vice Chair• Sandra Millward• Doug Pecota• Danielle Kearsley• Robert Parkanyi, Alternate #1• Amy Switlyk, Council	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Lennick• Sandra Butcher, PB Liaison• Allison Wheelan, Watershed Ambassador
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Meeting commenced at 7:12 pm

Open to Public

- Arne Olsen from Beaver Brook Roundtop condominiums board was seeking information on implementing EV charging stations at that complex (150 residents). Arne was provided some general information and references.

Approve minutes

- January Meeting – Motion by RP, seconded by GV – No objections.

Correspondence

- Email from Arne Olsen requesting information on EV stations.

Reports

- **Council (AW)**
 - A candidate for the supervisory position at the DPW has been selected. A formal offer and acceptance are pending – Target start date of 3/1/2023.
 - Discussions regarding EV charging stations are ongoing.
 - Funding is available from the Clean Communities budget to reimburse for supplies for upcoming clean ups.
 - The Council has decided to hire a firm to help identify potential grants that the township may be eligible for and to support the grant application process.
- **Planning Board**
 - No Report

- **Open Space (AW)**

- Funding has been allocated for Windy Acres (\$ 5k), Hackett’s preservation (\$ 4k) and Ash tree remediation (\$ 25k)
- Planting of 125 trees will take place in April, led by Heather, who will provide training to approximately 6 volunteers. The new DPW supervisor will hopefully be on board and able to attend as well.
- There have been no recent acquisitions – plan on proposing land by Rt 31 and Allerton Road – pending assessment

- **Green Team**

- Upcoming events:

Nature Walk at Windy Acres	Sun 3/12/2023 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Tree Planting @ Windy Acres	Sat 4/8/2023 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Stream cleanup event	Sat 4/15/2023 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Litter clean up event	Sat 4/22/2023 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Community Day	Sat 4/29/2023 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Water Test Kit Drop Off at Bundt Park	Mon 5/1/2023 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Stream Assessment	Sat 5/6/2023 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Birding for Beginners at Windy Acres	Sat 5/13/2023 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Bicycle Study at Bundt Park	Sat 5/13/2023 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
First Responder EV Training at Hunterdon County Emergency Services Training Center	Thu 6/8/2023 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Green Fair / EV Car Show / Food Truck Festival	Sat 7/8/2023 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Reptiles Alive at Windy Acres	Mon 7/31/2023 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Full Moon Hike & Campfire at Echo Hill	Thu 8/17/2023 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

- Will be applying for a \$ 2k Sustainable Jersey grant for a pollinator garden at N. Hunterdon HS. This is instead of a rain garden as it was found that the HS has already addressed drainage issues on the property.
- Will be applying for a \$ 20k Sustainable Jersey grant to address issues identified in a previous walkable study in Annandale Village. This will include 6 lighted traffic signs, a “Welcome to Annandale” sign and a planter.

- **Watershed Ambassador**

- No Report

Old business

- NJ Salt Watch Study – DP
 - Samples were collected after the recent snow fall and road salting. Results are pending.
- 2022 Annual Report – MC
 - The report will be provided to the Council on 2/8.
- 2023 Goals and Objectives – MC
 - The report will be provided to the Council on 2/8.
- 2023 PSEG Foundation / Sustainable Jersey \$2k/\$10k/\$20k grants
 - We have been successful in obtaining grants in the past and will be applying for them in 2023.
- Riparian Reforestation Project at Pumping Station- Tabled until next meeting.
- Hike / clean up at Spruce Run – Tabled until next meeting.

- 2023 Clinton Township Community Day April 29 (MC & AS)
 - No Green fair or EV Car show
 - ANJEC to provide games.
 - Water testing to be done.
 - Proposal to spend \$ 250 to purchase 200 trees.
 - Motion by RP, seconded by DK – No objections.
- NJ TRANSIT Adopt a Station Program (MC)
 - Nothing to report
- Windy Acres Flora & Fauna webpage - wrong picture for Eastern Bluebird (AS)
 - Corrected
- Beaver Brook C1 classification gap (Petticoat Ln to i-78) – (MC)
 - Parcel in question did not qualify for C1 classification.

New Business

- ANJEC Grant –
 - Pictures requested to publicize the \$ 1,500 grant provide for signage
 - AS to arrange
- Air Quality Banners (RP)
 - In 2022 the air quality was good 90% of the time at the nearest reporting station and was never more than 50% in the moderate zone. It was decided that we won't purchase flags for notifying residents as the issue is not significant enough to do so. A future revision of the Environmental Committee web site may include a widget to indicate air quality.
 - Dam removal – It was decided not to spend money on removing the dam in the Beaver Brook as it seems to be falling apart on its own.

Site Plan Review

- A subcommittee of DK, MC, and JV that will meet every 3rd Thursday of each month to review site plan proposals. They will take it to the full Commission of voting.

Open to Public – No comments

Motion to end the meeting by RP, seconded by MC – without objections.
Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, March 2, 2023 @ 7:00 pm. In-person meeting and WebEx meeting link which is available on CTEC website.