

Clinton Township Environmental Commission (CTEC)

Thursday, April 6 2023 – 7:00 pm

Public Safety Building, 1370 State Route 31 N, Annandale, NJ 08801 (In-person); WebEx Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Mario Caballero (Chair)
Geoff Varty (Vice Chair)
Sandra Millward
Doug Pecota
Robert Parkanyi
Amy Switlyk (Council Liaison)
Allison Wheelan (Watershed Ambassador)

Apologies:

Michael Lennick
Sandra Butcher (Planning Board Liaison)
Danielle Kearsley

Meeting commenced at 7:03 pm

Open to the Public

No comments received

Approve Minutes

March CTEC meeting minutes approved. Motion from RP, seconded by MC. No objections.

Correspondence

Member of the public reached out to MC for rules/codes regarding Open Water Protection Areas and Prime Ground Water Recharge Areas, due to concerns about two lots next to their property. MC referred the member of the public to the Zoning Office.

Reports

Council (AS)

- Parks Foreman with strong expertise and background hired. Foreman to have 4 direct reports in this role.
- JCP&L to begin installation of Smart Meters in 2025. Some concerns about Radiofrequency (RF) electromagnetic radiation were raised at the council meeting.

Open Space (DP)

- Windy Acres bulk tree planting scheduled for April 23rd at 8:30 am
- Disc golf course requesting help to build tee boxes/areas. Clinic to be held May 20th at 9:00 am.

Green Team (MC)

- Green Fair and EV show scheduled for July 8th, from 11 am – 2 pm. Seven exhibitors so far. MC and SM reaching out to potential vendors.
- NHHS is moving forward with pollinator garden.
- PMG requested advice/help with courtyard clean up event (clearing up, pruning, planting native plants).
- Spring Stream Clean Up event scheduled for April 15th in High Bridge.
- Spring Litter Clean Up event scheduled for April 22nd at Bundt Park.
- Walkability Study, Annandale Village, April 21st, 4-8 pm. Meet at the firehouse on Beaver Ave.
- Bicycle Study in area surrounding Bundt Park, May 13th at 9 am.

- EV Chargers (Bundt Park) – MC and AS to meet with the Township Administrator to discuss installation.
- Stream Assessment – May 6, 9 am at Windy Acres. Assessment of bank stability, stream quality, biodiversity assessment, etc.
- ‘Buy Fresh, Buy Local’ – partnering with High Bridge EC to create a list of local farms, CSAs, etc. in the area to distribute via social media and EC websites.

Site Plan Review Subcommittee

- No items to review

Watershed Ambassador

- 70 trees planted at Windy Acres

Old Business

2023 PSEG/Sustainable NJ grants

- \$2K grant application for pollinator garden. \$20K grant application for safety improvements in Annandale (pedestrian crossing, welcome sign, plants & planters)

2023 Community Day (April 29)

- ANJEC providing game.
- Looking into the possibility for a rain barrel raffle.
- Help needed for preparation of 200 tree seedlings giveaways. MC’s house, April 26th

ANJEC \$1,500 Grants

- MC and AS to discuss some proposals with Township Administrator during April 11th meeting

New Business

Sustainable NJ Summit (May 5, 9 am – 4pm)

- MC asked to participate in a panel.

Town of Clinton ‘Green Team’

- Recently formed and MC reached out to discuss collaboration opportunities.

Business for next meeting: Grant updates, Events feedback

Motion to end the April CTEC meeting by RP, seconded by GV. No objections. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, May 4, 2023 @ 7:00 pm. In-person meeting and WebEx meeting link also available from CTEC website.