

Clinton Township Environmental Commission (CTEC)

Thursday, Sept 7, 2023
1370 Route 31 North, Annandale, NJ 08801 (In-person); WebEx Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Attendees <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mario Caballero, Chair• Sandra (Sandy) Millward• Doug Pecota• Danielle Kearsley• Robert Parkanyi, Alternate #1• Amy Switlyk, Council	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sandra Butcher, PB Liaison• Geoff Varty, Vice Chair• Michael Lennick• Watershed Ambassador (Vacant)
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Meeting commenced at 7:04 pm

Open to Public - None

Approve minutes – July 2023 Meeting

- Motion by DK 2nd by RP – No Objections

Correspondence

- Moebus Place (100,000 square feet warehouse facility with 10,000 square feet of office space) -Letter received giving us notice of a proposal for a connection to the existing sanitary sewer main along River Bend Road, Clinton Township – Town of Clinton has not taken any position on this.
- Amelia Weeder - Neighbor planted bamboo a few years ago. The bamboo has spread, escaping a barrier around it, and is now growing, unwanted, on adjacent properties including on undeveloped community open space that is deed restricted/required to conserved in its natural state.
- Ron Pristas - Email requesting advanced notification of farming activities in leased open space areas. Suggested was that it be posted at the kiosk and on the township web site, and no spraying on weekends. This is to be aligned with the Open Space committee.

Reports

- **Council (AS)**
 - Possible workshop on Cannabis has been scheduled.
 - Of the 5 Bird houses placed at Windy Acres all have families of birds.
 - No Bat house activity has been observed, however, it can take 2 years.
 - Next Council meeting Sept 27 at the Middle School, Exxon to make a presentation
- **Planning Board**
 - No Report
- **Open Space (DP)**
 - Meeting held July 27.
 - County considering purchasing property adjacent to Windy Acres.
 - Deer hunting has declined in the Township, but changes to hunting regulations were rejected due to possible conflicts with other regulations. Township attorney to investigate further.
 - The Open Space tool inventory was completed.
 - Terms for AS and DP expire at the end of the year. Both wish to be reappointed.

- **Green Team (MC)**
 - No progress on the Buy Fresh program
 - Adopt a Train Station cleanup training is being provided by NJ Transit, along with vests and supplies. First clean up will be open to Green Team members. Future cleanups can be opened to community members.
 - Pollinator Garden signs NHHS have not progressed but may be ready by the end of the month.
 - Seeding for the middle area is planned of October.
 - Most of the plants survived the summer heat.
 - Currently there is no Watershed ambassador, one is expected soon.
 - Board of County Commissioners accepting comments on the sale of the transfer station until September 25th. The last time the sale was proposed it was not approved.
- **Old Business**
 - No Old Business
- **New Business**
 - Community Day 9/30
 - Mario to set up a volunteer signup.
 - Green team and Environmental Commission to jointly staff table
 - Stormwater brochure to be updated (DK)
 - AM to provide interactive game, trash poster, info on honey at Windy Acres
 - Mario will not be available except for helping break down.
 - Upcoming Events (AS)
 - Nature Walk Sept 23 – Weather permitting
 - Bird watching for beginners - Oct 21
 - Shelter building at Echo Hill Nov 18
 - Evergreen walk at the Arboretum Dec 9
 - DEP investigating possible violation of clearing of trees along C1 stream
 - Three parcels are involved
 - Apparently done to help hunters
 - Township engineer to investigate
 - Letter to be sent to property owner, code officer
 - Staffing
 - ML has resigned, he is moving out of the area

- MC to ask the Mayor to nominate RP to fill the vacancy

Open to Public

- None

Motion to Adjourn

- (RP) Seconded by DP @ 8:28pm - No Objections

Next Meeting: Thursday – October 5, 2023