



Hamilton Environmental Commission
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**Minutes from the February 8th, 2023
Environmental Commission Meeting**

Present

John Balletto
Karl Vetter
Patrick Nemes
Andrew Garcia

Clinton Griggs
Ann Wolf
Carrie Feuer
Claudia Shaughnessy

Haig Kasabach
Robert Benjamin
JoAnne Bruno

Not Present

Rick Tighe
Nicole Provost

Julia Garcia
Cathy Wagner

Theodore Buehler

Additional Attendees

Doressa Williams - Americorp
A Hamilton resident
Olivia Spildooren & Susan Bristol – Municipal Policy Specialist from the Watershed

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. by John Balletto. The minutes from the January 11th, 2023 meeting were approved with motion by Karl Vetter and second by Ann Wolf.

Green Team

1. Community Garden (JoAnn) – *Project currently on hold*
 - a. John/Carrie will check with Administration on the status of the Community Garden. EAC may be able to propose additional locations for a garden.
 - b. A neighbor approached Claudia to donate to the garden effort at Endicott Park. Commission briefly discussed a few options to accept donations. Claudia will discuss further with neighbor.

Old Business

1. Council/Mayor's Liaison Update (Carrie) –
 - a. Public Works will renovate second pond in Sayen Gardens.
 - b. St. Patrick's Parade March 11th, 2023.
 - c. Methane gas leak came from Trenton Bio Gas – a call went out to residents.
 - d. Bianca will do website/email blast about the clean up on April 15th.
2. Grants: (Clint) – Administration & Millennium were impressed to hear about all we do
3. Food Waste Recycling update (JoAnn) – three companies were identified that provide waste recycling services; she will reach out for more information & pricing.
4. ERI: Clint will follow up with Rob Poppert to request a progress schedule from the DVRPC.

New Business

1. General Discussion:
 - a. Karl Vetter – Rain Barrel date May 6th.
 - b. John Balletto will review bylaws.
 - c. Nicole Provost will be taking a Hiatus – Commission accepted.
 - d. Communication to Hamilton Post will now be taken over by Robert Benjamin.
2. New members
 - a. Will outsource to other environmental groups to get the word out.
3. Watershed Institute
 - a. The purpose of the Watershed visit by Olivia & Susan was to learn our municipality's efforts and support our environmental work.
 - b. Haig Kasabach will talk to Jimmy Wyrrough to be a part of the Watershed Institute program and to accept their offer for equipment donations.
 - c. The Watershed will be provided us with garbage bags, gloves, a Watershed staff member, and advertisement on their website for the clean up on the 15th.
4. Invasive species:
 - a. John Balletto discussed Commission interest in pursuing a grant to remove invasive species in Vets Park.
 - b. Policy for planting invasive species in public spaces – Carrie will email Planning on this

Land Use Applications

No applications were reviewed

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next Meeting Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, 2090 Greenwood Avenue

Submitted by Madison Mather, Secretary to the Hamilton Township Environmental Commission

cc: Environmental Commission/Liaisons
Mayor Jeff Martin
Fred Dumont, Director of CPC
Robert Poppert, Supervising Planner

Kathryn Monzo, Business Administrator
Eileen Gore, Municipal Clerk
Samantha Brown, Township Engineer