



Hamilton Environmental Commission
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**Minutes from the February 9, 2022, 2022
Environmental Commission Meeting**

Present

Haig Kasabach	Rodney Richards	Karl Vetter	Ann Wolf
Robert Benjamin	Nicole Provost	Carrie Feuer	Theodore Buehler
JoAnne Bruno	Claudia Shaughnessy	Melissa Greenberg	Cathy Wagner
Patrick Nemes			

Not Present

John Balleto	Clinton Griggs	Rick Tighe	Thomas Chizek
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The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:35 p.m. by Haig Kasabach. The minutes from the January 12, 2022 meeting were approved with motion by Claudia Shaughnessy and second by Rodney Richards. In attendance were residents Rich Balgowan.

Green Team

1. Community Garden – JoAnn provided the commission with an updated report: sites will be scouted in March once the weather breaks. Plot number/size, sheds and other amenities to be determined.
2. Sustainable Jersey – Bronze recertification has been extended until May of 2022. Clint is working with Chuck Thomas and Jim Wyrrough in DPW on fleet inventory and recycling information.
3. Pollinator Grant – Rob is working on presentation with the Hamilton Township PTA for February 22, 2022. Commission may look into reviving rain garden on George Dye and approach Alexander Elementary School about usage of their open space behind the school.

Old Business

1. Council/Administration Liaison Update: Carrie gives updates on Township news: WPC Energy audit, Township solar, reduce number of pump stations, NRI update to administration, website upgrade
2. 2022 Environmental award – John will work on application forms and time line. Once such potential recipient is a new township business that deals with hydroponic farming (non-cannabis related)

New Business

1. Land and Stream Clean up – locations to be scouted once weather allows.

Land Use Applications

The following applications were reviewed:

1. Application No. 21-03-012A – See attached
2. Application No. 21-12-050 – See attached
3. Application No. 22-00-001 – No Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next Meeting Wednesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, 2090 Greenwood Avenue

Submitted by Sabrina Bowling, 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

Application No.: 21-03-12A

1. The proposed maximum impervious coverage is not in compliance (proposed project will increase impervious coverage).
2. The proposed storm water system controls are a bit confusing. The applicant proposes one bioretention basin in the SW corner of the property that will discharge to the existing storm water management system along East State Street. Two underground storm water detention basins are also proposed along with six, small-scale bioretention basins that discharge to groundwater. It is not clear from the site plans where all of these basins are located.
3. The proposed storm water management system is very complex and no maintenance manual was submitted. The applicant needs to submit a maintenance manual for the storm water collection system.
4. The site plans indicate that existing monitoring wells will be removed. There is no mention in the application as to why monitoring wells exist onsite. Is the site contaminated? Is there an existing site investigation and/or remediation? Does the applicant have approval from the NJDEP to close the wells? In addition, all groundwater monitoring wells must be closed in accordance with NJDEP requirements.

Application No.: 21-12-050

1. The proposed development is too large for this small site (the project requires numerous variances).
2. One of the variances requested is for landscape buffer. The applicant states that an adjacent property is unused and contains many trees. The adjacent property cannot be used for the landscape buffer requirements since the applicant does not own the adjacent property and has no control over it.
3. The application states that wetlands may exist onsite and a determination must be made. The applicant needs to complete an investigation and receive a Letter of Interpretation (LOI) from the NJDEP before the project goes forward.