



Hamilton Environmental Commission
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**Minutes from the May 10, 2023
Environmental Commission Meeting**

Present

John Balletto
Robert Benjamin
Patrick Nemes
Theodore Buehler

Clinton Griggs
Ann Wolf
Haig Kasabach

Carrie Feuer
Claudia Shaughnessy
Andrew Garcia

Not Present

Julia Garcia
Nicole Provost
Karl Vetter

Rick Tighe
Cathy Wagner

JoAnne Bruno

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. by John Balletto. The minutes from the April 12, 2023 meeting were approved with motion by Haig Kasabach and second by Clinton Griggs.

Green Team

1. Community Garden (JoAnn Bruno)
 - A. Robert Wood Johnson backed out of the Community Garden.
 - i. Carrie Feuer met Chuck Thomas at location in Bromley and also advised this location needs to be moved.
 - B. Add Bee Houses/Bat Houses (Claudia Shaughnessy) – *On Hold*
 - C. Wildflower Meadow (Claudia Shaughnessy)
 - i. Due to the continuing complaints of one neighbor the mayor revoked his support for the project.
 - ii. DPW employees moved some of the plants to a publicly inaccessible location across from the call center where they have received no water and deer have eaten/ pulled up some of them.
 - iii. Stan DeRiel and Claudia S dug up more plants, distributed them to the George Dye, library, and Alexander Elementary raingardens.
 - iv. The rest are temporarily housed in the DPW greenhouse.
 - v. The area has been tilled and seeded with grass.

- vi. Claudia requested a meeting with the mayor to go over future plans.
- D. Patrick Nemes looking into doing a co-event with the Native Plant Society.
- E. Signs (Carrie Feuer/Claudia Shaughnessy)
 - i. George Dye and Hamilton Twp Library has small signs not properly displayed to the public for the work the Environmental Commission has completed
 - ii. The schools do not have any signs posted
 - iii. Commission requesting more front line communication with Chuck Thomas

Old Business

1. Council/Mayor's Liaison Update: Carrie Feuer
 - A. WPC looking into ways to help with wipes being flushed and the issues this causes.
 - B. Sayen Gardens got grant for pond's upgrade.
 - C. Township got \$300,000 grant for first energy efficient garbage truck
 - D. Meeting with township the EAC budget did not have any pushback for next year.
 - E. Mayor did not have any comment/answer on solar going on the new building.
 - F. Public meeting for the new building will be held in June.
2. Stream & Community Clean Up: Haig Kasabach/Jim Wyrrough
 - A. Great event – no comments to complain.
 - B. Had 56 People attend
3. Rain Barrel event: Karl Vetter/Clint Griggs
 - A. Event cancelled due to lack of response applicants.
 - B. Had two people show interest – currently sending Council Action Forms to Council for their refunds.
 - C. Spoke interest of trying to resubmit for supplies from Home Depot and store the supplies until next year's event.
4. Invasive species: John Balletto
 - A. Create a control program for invasive species; create plan, build program, then implement them.
 - B. Look for grants for a company who can do both the design and program.
 - C. Carrie got Hamilton's ordinance about invasive species – she will email this out and we should post it to our website.
5. Food Waste Recycling update: JoAnne Bruno
 - A. No comments
6. Grants: Clint Griggs
 - A. No comments
7. Groveville Fire House property update: Clint Griggs
 - A. Carrie Feuer spoke to Chief Tozzi about land within the firehouses. Chief advised he does not care what we do with them, however it needs to be low maintenance.
 - B. Maybe work with the Shade Tree Commission
8. ERI: Clint
 - A. Trying to set up a progress meeting.

New Business

1. General Discussion:
 - A. Add the environmental commission application onto our webpage with the township
 - B. Add the plastics flyer onto website
 - C. Think of topics we have yet to discuss and create flyer to post.

Land Use Applications

The following applications were reviewed:

Application No: 23-03-005: No Comment

Application No: 22-09-022: No Comment

Application No: 23-03-007: No Comment

Application No: 23-04-009: No Comment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
Council Conference, 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
Alison Sabo, Municipal Clerk
Samantha Brown, Township Engineer