



**Hamilton Environmental Commission**  
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**Minutes from the August 9, 2023  
Environmental Commission Meeting**

**Present**

John Balletto  
Ann Wolf  
Haig Kasabach  
Patrick Nemes

Carrie Feuer  
Claudia Shaughnessy  
Andrew Garcia

Robert Benjamin  
Nicolina Contardo  
JoAnne Bruno

**Not Present**

Rick Tighe  
Karl Vetter  
William Wall

Nicole Provost  
Clinton Griggs

Cathy Wagner  
Theodore Buehler

**Guest**

Lucia Middleton – The Watershed Institute

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:35 p.m. by John Balletto. The minutes from the July 12, 2023 meeting were approved with motion by Claudia Shaughnessy and second by Patrick Nemes.

**Green Team**

1. Community Garden (JoAnn Bruno)
  - a. John Balletto wants to sit with JoAnne to look at maps of residential properties within the township to determine a good place for a community garden.
  - b. Mayor Martin sent JoAnne to White City to see location for potential garden however, JoAnne felt the space was not ideal.
2. Wildflower Meadow (Claudia Shaughnessy)
  - a. Everything is going well; a neighbor of Claudia's took photos at the library and was raving about how nice it is.
  - b. The Meadow needs weeding
  - c. Claudia suggest making a path from the meadow to Project Freedom for residents, she will speak with Chuck Thomas.

- d. Eagle Scouts want to help with meadow behind Groveville Firehouse – We have to check with Chuck Thomas.
- e. Patrick can get plants donated through The National Wildlife Federation.
- 3. Sustainable Jersey Information (Patrick Nemes)
  - a. 88 Homeowners have signed up for Sustainable Jersey, we need more schools, homeowners and parks to get us certified for National Wildlife Certificate.
  - b. We need 300 points in total to advance

### **Old Business**

- 1. Council/Mayor's Liaison Update (Carrie Feuer)
  - a. Groveville Firehouse making progress to determine a list for preferred planting
  - b. Carrie will be following up with Rob Poppert on ordering trees.
  - c. Draft logo from Bianca went out – Madison will send all comments to Bianca.
  - d. Need resignation letter from Julia Garcia.
  - e. Township authenticating will be taking place from the Technology Department.
- 2. Invasive species (John Balletto)
  - a. John drafted packets for the program information
  - b. A summary of the program is also being prepared for submission to Millennium, John has reached out to Joy Kerlin Assistant Business Administrator.
- 3. Food Waste Recycling update (JoAnne Bruno)
  - a. John Balletto has prepared a summary for a grant which was submitted to Joy Kerlin for submission to Millennium. Joy Kerlin has submitted it to the Mayor's office for review prior to sending to Millennium. – Still waiting for response on this.
- 4. Recycling Communication Plan (Robert Benjamin)
  - a. Robert passed out recycling flyer to group with help from Rodney Richards.
  - b. Was hoping to get on the email blast from Bianca to residents to remind about recycling.
  - c. Robert also advised he would like for this to be brought up at Council meetings.
- 5. Grants (Clint Griggs)
  - a. No comments
- 6. ERI (Clint)
  - a. No comments

### **New Business**

- 1. General Discussion:
  - a. Octoberfest 10/16/2023
    - I. Cathy Wagner suggests a model pollinator garden and recycling demonstration – commission likes the idea and thinks this is a good place to start.
  - b. Township Calendar Dates for 2024
    - I. Stream Clean up scheduled for 4/13/2024 at Kuser Park from 8am – 12pm with breakfast included.
    - II. Rain Barrel Event scheduled for 5/4/2024 at Nature Center time TBD
    - III. All meeting dates for 2024 were provided to administration.
  - c. Email blast about EAC (Carrie Feuer)

- I. Carrie suggested the EAC provide Bianca with a new topic each month to put into the email blast to the residents. This would consist of a photo/flyer and a little paragraph to explain the importance.

**Land Use Applications**

The following applications were reviewed:

Application No: 23-07-021

No Comment

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No Comment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting Wednesday, September 13, 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