



**Hamilton Environmental Commission**  
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**Minutes from the September 13, 2023  
Environmental Commission Meeting**

**Present**

John Balletto  
Ann Wolf  
Haig Kasabach  
Cathy Wagner

Carrie Feuer  
Claudia Shaughnessy  
Andrew Garcia  
William Wall

Clinton Griggs  
Nicolina Contardo  
JoAnne Bruno  
Karl Vetter

**Not Present**

Rick Tighe  
Theodore Buehler

Nicole Provost  
Robert Benjamin

Patrick Nemes

**Guest**

Lucia Middleton – The Watershed Institute

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. by John Balletto. The minutes from the August 9, 2023 meeting were approved with motion by Haig Kasabach and second by Ann Wolf.

**Green Team**

1. Community Garden (JoAnne Bruno)
  - a. JoAnne and Cathy are going to physically look at sites and give their best recommendation to Bianca.
2. Wildflower Meadow (Claudia Shaughnessy)
  - a. Claudia and Patrick went on a Saturday to weed the meadow.
  - b. Patrick got 64 plants donated through The National Wildlife Federation.
    - i. Majority were planted at the call center but some were disbursed within the township
      - Alexander School
      - George Dye
      - Library

- c. Claudia helped Alexander school with their raingarden
- d. 33 Barber Shop has changed hands the old owner used to have a garden with veggies out front however, now that it has changed hands its very overgrown. Claudia reached out to new owners asking if the EAC could take over and make a wildflower meadow.
  - i. Waiting for response with new owners.
  - ii. Some members suggested we have a sign made up so the public knows the EAC is doing the meadow.

## **Old Business**

1. Council/Mayor's Liaison Update (Carrie Feuer)
  - a. New Municipal building fully demoed.
  - b. Draft logo from Bianca went out – Madison and Carrie sent all comments to Bianca and we have not heard back about final logo.
  - c. Still need resignation letter from Julia Garcia – Andrew said she will type one up and email to Madison.
  - d. End of year budget due by November
  - e. End of year report due by December
2. Invasive species (John Balletto)
  - a. On Hold
  - b. John has reached out to Joy Kerlin Assistant Business Administrator but has not heard back.
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 unable to attend meeting – this is on hold
5. Email blast about EAC (Carrie Feuer)
  - a. Claudia sent a paragraph about Green Team to Carrie – submitted to Bianca for approval.
6. Octoberfest 10/16/2023 (Clint Griggs)
  - a. Model pollinator garden will not work as nothing is blooming – Claudia
  - b. Cathy has games, posters, materials and giveaways – however she is unable to attend but would be more than happy to give supplies to another EAC member.
  - c. Throwing around ideas for a rain barrel demonstration/composter.
7. Grants (Clint Griggs)
  - a. No comments
8. ERI (Clint Griggs)
  - a. No comments

## **New Business**

1. General Discussion:

- a. Who would be attending the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Congress (ANJEC) (Carrie Feuer)
  - i. EAC has money in budget for members to attend
    - Claudia and JoAnne spoke interest in going.
- b. National Imagine a day without water October 19,2023 (Carrie Feuer)
  - i. Hamilton Township makes a pledge/resolution
- c. Rock the Block (Carrie Feuer)
  - i. Volunteers will be teaming up with Habit for Humanity for Humanity so Hamilton Township can participate in our own little rock the block series.
  - ii. Mayor previously did this within White City and it was a great turnout
  - iii. Mayor is looking for teams of 8-10 to volunteer their time to fix up porches/decks within the township
  - iv. If anyone is interested they need to reach out to Bianca

### **Land Use Applications**

The following applications were reviewed:

Application No: 23-08-026  
No Comment

Application No: 23-08-027  
No Comment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

### **Next Meeting Wednesday, October 11, 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