



Hamilton Environmental Commission
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**Minutes from the September 14, 2022
Environmental Commission Meeting**

Present

Haig Kasabach	Rodney Richards	Karl Vetter	Robert Benjamin
Ann Wolf	Carrie Feuer	Nicole Provost	Claudia Shaughnessy
Cathy Wagner	Patrick Nemes		

Not Present

John Balletto	Clinton Griggs	Theodor Buehler	JoAnne Bruno
Rick Tighe			

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:37 p.m. by Haig Kasabach. The minutes from the August 10, 2022 meeting were approved with motion by Karl Vetter and second by Rodney Richards. In attendance were residents Stan DeRiel, Andrew and Julia Garcia.

Green Team

1. Community Garden (JoAnne) – *Project currently on hold*
2. Sustainable Jersey (Clint) – Fleet inventory updated. Second round of comments scheduled for early October. Final deadline November 20 with mid-December for announcement.
3. Pollinator /Rain Gardens & Signs (Claudia, Patrick, Rob) Claudia has been in contact with Chuck Thomas regarding signage. Endicott Park mark out to be coordinated with Chuck, Claudia and Clint. Patrick helped with library upkeep, waiting on status of Robinson School.

Old Business

1. Council/Administration Liaison Update (Carrie/Rick) – Carrie: Twp updated COVID-19 policy; cannabis application coming in; updated on Legionnaires and Polio cases; Sawmill property now officially under Twp control; healthcare to increase by 12% for Twp employees; HTRBA cleanup has been sent out to bid.
2. 2022 Environmental Award (Rodney): 3rd Annual Award, Social media blasts have begun. One application has been received for GeoGreens.

3. Oktoberfest: (Various) Composter requisition has been submitted; once PO is generated will give to DPW for pickup. Claudia creating poster board display with help of Sabrina. Cathy will present several games/ideas.
4. Grants: Carrie /Clint – Carrie gave list of potential projects to Bianca for Millennium to look for
5. NRI: Clint- Rob Poppert in contact with DVRPC
6. Watershed Institute: Karl going to event September 24, received information from Engineering Division.
7. Brush Brochure: Will re-use past approved documents

New Business

General Discussion:

1. Kuser road warehouse – Karl following up on reports
2. Nicole – Our Lady of Sorrows church is looking to do a rain garden and suggests commission can help, possibly in just a residential capacity
3. Claudia – Groveville fire house: 3 or 4 acres? Way too large for a meadow, suggests heavy tree planting by culvert to create smaller pockets. Mercerville Fire House: fenced in area and water source will make a good location for a meadow.
4. Rob Benjamin – discussion on what plants thrive in a changed climate.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting Wednesday, October 12, 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