



Hamilton Environmental Commission
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**Minutes from the October 11, 2023
Environmental Commission Meeting**

Present

Karl Vetter
Andrew Garcia
Nicolina Contardo
Cathy Wagner

Carrie Feuer
Ann Wolf
Haig Kasabach
Theodore Buehler

Clinton Griggs
Claudia Shaughnessy
JoAnne Bruno

Not Present

John Balletto
Patrick Nemes

Rick Tighe
Robert Benjamin

Nicole Provost
William Wall

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. by Clinton Griggs. The minutes from the September 13, 2023 meeting were approved with motion by Karl Vetter and second by Ann Wolf.

Green Team

1. Community Garden (JoAnne Bruno)
 - a. JoAnne & Claudia went out to view sites for Community Garden – both felt the spaces were not ideal as they were surrounded by single family homes and we were targeting apartments or townhomes as they do not have a backyard.
 - b. 3 areas for interest Club 10 by Hamilton High West, Forrest Valley by Wingate Apartments, and behind the wildflower meadow across from the call center – members are still looking for an ideal spot.
2. Pollinator Garden (Claudia Shaughnessy)
 - a. Gardens doing okay, Groveville firehouse is no longer on the table for available space

Old Business

1. Council/Mayor's Liaison Update (Carrie Feuer)
 - a. Draft logo from Bianca went out – we have not heard back about final logo.
 - b. End of year budget due by November
 - c. End of year report due by December
2. Invasive species (John Balletto)
 - a. On Hold
3. Food Waste Recycling update (JoAnne Bruno)
 - a. On Hold
4. Recycling Communication Plan (Robert Benjamin)
 - a. On Hold
5. Oktoberfest 10/16/2023 (Clint Griggs)
 - a. Might get moved to rain date of 10/22
 - b. Composter missing clips and instructions – Clint will reach out to company to see if we can get replacements.
 - c. For Oktoberfest we will showing Rain Barrels and Pollinator information
6. Rock the Block (Clint Griggs & Carrie Feuer)
 - a. Will have a table at the rock the block fair 10/18 3:30-5:30pm.
7. 50th Annual Environmental Congress (ANJEC) (Carrie Feuer)
 - a. JoAnne Bruno will be attending conference
8. National a Day without Water 10/19/23 (Carrie Feuer)
 - a. Spread the word, keep an eye on email blast from Mayor
9. Grants (Clint Griggs)
 - a. No Comment
10. ERI (Clint Griggs)
 - a. Received chapters, spoke with Rob Poppert just awaiting comments

New Business

1. General Discussion:
 - a. Reminder November meeting the third Wednesday of the month (11/15)
 - b. December meeting, we will have guest speaker Mike Long do presentation on invasive vegetation
 - c. Carrie Feuer will invite Township Engineer Samantha Brown to EAC meeting for January as a meet and greet
 - d. Commission members spoke interest in having a table at National Night Out
 - e. JoAnne spoke interest in having EAC t-shirts or hoodies made up so everyone can match at events

Land Use Applications

The following applications were reviewed:

Application No: 23-10-030

No Comment

Application No: 21-06-023A

Application not complete, missing maps to properly view application

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Next Meeting Wednesday, November 15, 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