



Hamilton Environmental Commission
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**Minutes from the March 8th, 2023
Environmental Commission Meeting**

Present

John Balletto
Karl Vetter
Cathy Wagner
Andrew Garcia

Clinton Griggs
Ann Wolf
JoAnne Bruno
Claudia Shaughnessy

Haig Kasabach
Robert Benjamin
Theodore Buehler

Not Present

Rick Tighe
Nicole Provost

Julia Garcia
Carrie Feuer

Patrick Nemes

Additional Attendees

Anna Ricigliano - Resident
Lisa Linkowsky – Resident
Jim Wyrrough – Public Works: Recycling/OEM
Doressa Williams - Americorp

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. by John Balletto. The minutes from the February 8th, 2023 meeting were approved with motion by Clinton Griggs and second by Haig Kasabach.

Green Team

1. Community Garden (JoAnn) – *Project currently on hold*
 - A. John checked with Administration; advised Isles is moving forward
 - B. Administration advised they would like the commission to find another area
 1. JoAnne checking with Chuck Thomas on new areas
 - C. Add Bee Houses/Bat Houses – Claudia will contact Rob Poppert
 - D. Look for grant for the community garden

Old Business

1. Council/Mayor's Liaison Update (Carrie) – No Update
2. Stream & Community Clean Up: Haig Kasabach/Jim Wyrrough
 - A. Need Locations – Cleanup date April 15th
 1. Arena Dr
 2. Rose Garden
 3. SweetBriar
 4. Second Ave/Assunpink
 5. RWJ Gym, Sloan, Warwick
 - B. Jim Wyrrough providing cleaning materials, safety procedures, and lunch.
3. Rain Barrel event: Karl Vetter
 - A. Emailing Administration for flyer approval
 - B. Rain Barrel date May 6th.
4. Food Waste Recycling update (JoAnn) – Received information and pricing from Rudolph "Dolph" Geurds. JoAnn provided report at meeting.
5. Invasive species:
 - A. John Balletto discussed Commission interest in pursuing a grant to remove invasive species in Vets Park.
 - B. Look into Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space
6. Grants: (Clint) – Waiting for update from DVRPC
7. Groveville Fire House property update: Clint Griggs
 - A. Waiting to hear back from Chuck Thomas and Chief Tozzi
 - B. Who would be responsible for upkeep?
 1. Township
 2. Little League
8. ERI: Clint will follow up with Rob Poppert to request a progress schedule from the DVRPC.

New Business

1. General Discussion:
 - a. Mail From Developer – reviewed

Land Use Applications

The following applications were reviewed:

Application No: 23-01-002: No Comment

Application No: 22-05-009 – REVISED: Where does the overflow from the two "underdrain" basins get discharged to? Is it also infiltrated to groundwater?

Application No: 22-09-018 – REVISED: Why can't they build in variance? When received, a copy of the wetlands Letter of Interpretation (LOI) needs to be submitted to the Township. It is not clear if the storm water basins discharge to groundwater. This is important since the information submitted in the previous application stated that discharge to groundwater is not possible due to poor drainage and a high water table.

Application No: 22-10-023 – REVISED: No Comment

Application No: 22-11-028 REVISED: No Comment

Application No: 21-11-043 REVISED: No Comment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting Wednesday, April 12th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, 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
Eileen Gore, Municipal Clerk
Samantha Brown, Township Engineer