

# **Town of Clinton Environmental Commission**

## **Meeting (on Zoom)**

**January 27, 2022, 7:30 pm**

## **Minutes**

### General

1. Call to Order – 7:37 PM
2. Roll Call – Véronique Lambert, Chair; Mike Humphrey, Council Liaison; John Kashwick, Shade Tree Liaison; Dean Solomos, Rebecca Walters
3. Motion to approve minutes from meeting on November 22, 2021 – all voted aye
4. Reorganization – all EC members were reaffirmed by council with resolution to confirm membership of Environmental Commission.

### Old Business

1. ANJEC Membership – Véronique will ask Ceil to add all EC members to ANJEC membership and mailing list. ANJEC does trainings that are free to members.
2. Volunteer Fair and volunteers – interest in collaborating on projects with Clinton Conservancy – maybe volunteers from River Clean Up can help with weed pulling or planting natives
3. Projects / ideas from 2021 –
  - River Clean up – Mike will talk to Walt Wilson about possibly having access to his lot next to Krauzer's to clean it up – trash, weeding – and do assessment of what the conditions are and what we can do to make the lot more visibly appealing. And maybe down the line planting shrubs or planters along road. Mike's idea to have a separate table to sign up Green Team members – a cadre of volunteers who would help out with green projects with EC, Shade Tree, Clinton Conservancy and other groups that need help with hands-on projects.
  - Rain garden – look into collaboration with Clinton Conservancy; and pull Lisa Interbolata's new 501c3 organization into conversation
  - Sustainable Jersey application – we should convene separately to work on application; idea to team up with Clinton Township which is already collaborating with High Bridge. Mike will pursue with councilperson in charge of their application
  - Walks to assess environmental conditions in town – Consider doing one in April before river clean up to get an idea of areas that could use more attention from volunteers. Set April EC meeting as walking meeting for 5:30 PM on Monday, April 11 – Alert Rich about new time and format.

### New Business

4. New ideas for 2022 – none discussed

5. Update from Town Council – Michael Humphrey – Two new council members Nick Bruno and Kyle Perloff. Moebus tract will come up for review this year – so we need to make sure that EC is on top of developments so that we can review plans in a timely fashion to give input to Land Use Board. Mike will push for EC to be assigned a Land Use Board liaison.
6. Update from Land Use Board –
7. Update from Shade Tree Commission – John Kashwick – Preparing annual report to submit to state in February along with Tree City USA application. Also preparing for Arbor Day celebration. State will provide saplings to replace Ash trees that were in Hunts Mill Park.

9:06 PM - Motion to adjourn; all ayes