

Town of Clinton Environmental Commission

Meeting

Online, December 14, 2020, 7:30 pm

Minutes

Start: 7:35 pm

In attendance:

Véronique Lambert, Jendayi Jones, Tamara Healy, Michael Humphrey, John Kashwick

General

1. Role Call
2. Review minutes from meeting on November 9, 2020

Old Business

1. Updates/reports on cigarette butt receptacles – two receptacles were purchased and placed in town a couple of weeks ago – one outside Citispot and one at entrance of the alleyway to municipal parking
2. EC membership and recruitment – Christine Adornetto has resigned; we need new members; Mike plans to launch social media campaign in January for volunteers town-wide for different committees.

New Business

1. Puleo tree warehouse application -The applicant is on the Land Use Board's agenda for a completeness hearing on December 15, 2020 and if deemed complete will be placed on a January agenda (either Jan 5 or 19). EC discussed questions/issues to raise with the applicant.

Questions/Issues:

What noise containment system will be put in place to protect neighboring residents, including those of Clinton Township? (Noise barrier to protect residents at back for any noise associated with loading activity at back of warehouse)

What is primary purpose of plantings along boundary between warehouse and dwellings behind it? Suggestion to maximize tree/shrub plantings to effect of blocking appearance of warehouse from neighboring residents.

Have you made any green roof considerations for your project – green energy? We would love to see something that increases the environmental value of the site.

What measures do you plan to take to mitigate light pollution affecting residents on all sides of the property?

Are you selecting tree and shrub species that are adapted to the particular site conditions? That tolerate wet conditions?

2. Update from Town Council – Michael Humphrey – EC budget – last year we asked for \$150 for single-use plastic effort; we ended up spending it on cigarette butt receptacles. Recommended that EC ask for \$150 for next year for signage for recycling for business district.
3. Update from Land Use Board – Tamara Healy – Will meet tomorrow to review the Puleo application for completeness (Tamara left meeting after her update at 8:55 pm)
4. Update from shade Tree Commission – John Kashwick – canceling meeting this month; spending last of money for tree saplings to distribute to students for Arbor Day next year.

Mike suggested discussing doing uniformed services memorial at next meeting– wants it to be more environmentally connected – e.g. native plantings

Meeting Adjourned 9:09 pm