

**Town of Clinton  
Environmental Commission  
Meeting Minutes for July 17, 2023, at 7:30 PM**

**Attendees**

Kim Stentz, Mary Jo Kurtiak, John Kashwick, Veronique Lambert, Dean Solomos. Absent: Ken Carberry.

**Administrative Matters**

- John called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on Zoom.
- Motion to approve the minutes for May 15 was moved by Dean and seconded by Veronique passed unanimously.
- One piece of correspondence was received—from Engineering and Land Planning Associates—regarding plans for the sewer line connection on 13 Moebus Place (Christmas Tree Warehouse).

**Council Liaison (John)**

- The Council adopted the Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy as requested by the Green Team
- The governing body is in negotiations to acquire the old Doctor Is In building for the Police Station.
- The Council introduced a Highlands Ordinance that would protect lands in the preservation zone. Adoption is scheduled for the July 26 meeting.
- The Council introduced a Lead Paint Ordinance that would require landlords to have their properties inspected.

**Land Use Board (Ken)**

- Ken was not present, but John mentioned that the Moebus Tract meetings at the Land Use Board will be ongoing.

**Shade Tree Commission Liaison Report (Kim)**

- The Commission received two quotes for the tree planting project in Kings Crossing.
- The Commission is working on a policy for memorial trees.

**Flooding**

Commission members had a general conversation about the flooding that has taken place in the area over the last several weeks and discussed ways to help mitigate it. Veronique, who is not on any social media, had concerns about the notification process—there should be text or robocall alerts.

**Green Team**

- The Green Team met at 7 PM just prior to the Environmental Commission meeting.
- The final submission for the Sustainable Jersey application is due on July 27. John reported that we were awarded 95 points in the first round. He entered action items totaling another 80

points and thinks we will get 15 more from the Green Fair once he gets the documentation from Mario from Clinton Township.

- The Green Fair went well although not as well attended as the prior year. There is talk about having the event in the spring next year.
- About 25 people attended the dark sky film screening. The walk afterward had to be cancelled because of the weather and lack of fireflies.
- Green Team members should bring up other items they want to work on. Just because the application is submitted does not mean our work stops.

#### **Other Items**

Mary Jo asked about the trees in the Knolls. John reported that the Town is partnering with JCP&L to try to take down the necessary trees.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

John Kashwick