

Town of Clinton Environmental Commission

Meeting (virtual)

July 18, 2022, 7:30 pm

Minutes

General

1. Call to Order – 7:34 PM
2. Roll Call – Véronique Lambert, Chair; Mike Humphrey, Council Liaison; John Kashwick, Shade Tree Liaison Dean Solomos
3. Review / approve minutes from meeting on May 9, 2022 / All voted in favor – minutes approved.

Old Business

1. Report out on Clinton Township Green Fair – July 9, 11-2 @ Bundt Park; Clinton EC had a table and recruited two new volunteers for Clinton Conservancy Gardens.
2. Sustainable Jersey 2023 application – Jessica is compiling information for select actions (highlighted in blue in document).
 - a. Summary of actions in SJ application: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wH - eljTpjhc0NJv3BUunsSw5HzuNhC91TCOKlj6dKo/edit>
 - b. Master Plan: https://www.clintonnj.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf411/f/uploads/2018-master-plan-reexamination-report_0.pdf

New Business

1. New EC meeting day - third Monday of the month, starting in July
2. Update from Town Council – Michael Humphrey
 - a. Native species ordinance – town planning board does provide plant list for developments – native species, low-watering. Not codified, but guidance. Should we look into having ordinance to control issues with invasive species?
 - b. Composting – Would like to put survey in newsletter to get opinions and interest from residents (did similar survey in Lambertville). There will be question in survey about allowing respondent to be contacted for composting collection.
 - c. Ordinance will be passed at next meeting to prevent storage of heavy machinery/equipment (like bull-dozers, dump trucks) on residential properties.
 - d. JCPL is now offering 3-pointed grants – for residents, businesses, and municipalities – for EV chargers. Mike sent info to EC members for review. Let Mike know ASAP if we think it's a good idea.
3. Update from Land Use Board –

4. Update from Shade Tree Commission – John Kashwick – applying for grant for \$25,000 from NJDEP for tree planting. Town is removing dead ash trees from Haver Farm development – this service is being used as matching for grant. Grant decision will be made in August. Plan is to plant 29 trees. Will plant native, non-ash trees for retention basin. Will need volunteers to help with watering trees. Clinton Conservancy will help with volunteers.

Motion of adjourn / All in favor – 8:29 PM