

Town of Clinton Environmental Commission

Meeting

August 8, 2021, 7:30 pm

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Agenda

Call to order - 7:33 pm

General

1. Roll Call – Mike Humphrey (Council liaison), Dean Solomos, John Kashwick (Shade Tree liaison), Véronique Lambert (Chair), Rebecca Walters (arrived at 7:50 pm)
2. Review minutes from July 12, 2021 meeting; all in favor to approve (Rebecca absent)

Old Business

1. Rain Garden Project update –Liz Hedden, a teacher at Clinton Public School and leader of the student environmental club, is interested in joint projects with the EC, such as installing a rain garden. She wants to first check in with the superintendent. Véronique will continue discussion with Liz Hedden and report back to the EC.
2. Ordinance for Covered Trash & Recycling Bins – New garbage contract is due to be renegotiated for 2023. What should amendments to existing code be? Mike asked town attorney to pull a draft based on ordinances from other towns. Aim is to pass an ordinance with a one-year grace period to give us time to educate residents on new trash and recycling rules, container rules, limit on number of cans/bags per residence (or pay per bag/can), new rules about disposing bulky items (e.g. Clinton Township gives two vouchers per year to residents for a discount on tipping fees at transfer station)

New Business

1. Community Solar Program – Clinton is already part of an energy cooperative to buy electricity; but this solar program is an aggregation of solar energy. Find out more about what is in it for residents. Talk to Rich.
2. EV Charging Stations - V to get info from SJ about programs/incentives to reduce cost and make charging stations an attractive proposition to the council.
3. Pedestrian crossings on Old High Way 22 – Mike suggests that to get the DOT to take action on this we should start a petition.
4. Sept 12, 11 – 2 pm, at Fire Dept. – Clinton Senior Brunch we need an EC rep at the table to recruit volunteers. Fair will be in the bay 11-12noon, to be followed by brunch. Plan to share info on SJ, green team, and rain gardens.

5. Update from Town Council – Michael Humphrey – Council has opted out of cannabis business in town. They want to wait for the state to release rules first. Shell station re-development will move ahead.
6. Update from Land Use Board –
7. Update from Shade Tree Commission – John Kashwick – Finally have funding to take down trees in bad condition. Budget restrictions don't allow for replanting this year. Idea to promote opportunity for tree donations.

9:24 pm - Motion to adjourn: all ayes.