

Environmental Commission Meeting
Monday March 18 2024 @ 7:00 pm
Borough Hall

Minutes

Meeting start time: 7:03PM

Attendance: Chris Runion, Marcia Karrow, John Kearny, Melissa Swingle, Jae Hoff, Trent Levitt

Approval of February Minutes

Minutes from the February Environmental Commission meeting were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Two members of the public were present at the meeting.

Sharon Ransavage of Flemington Borough noted the recent felling of numerous ash trees at Bernadette Morales Park in Raritan Township. Ransavage expressed concern over the clearing of so many trees and asked if the borough had any knowledge of Raritan Township's intention to re-tree the area. The Commission stated that they did not currently know of the township's plans for the area.

Jesse Smith of Flemington Borough provided an update on the upcoming "bio blitz." Smith confirmed that the blitz will be group-based, with each group having their own chosen or assigned area to collect samples. The question of insurance for the use of Tuccamirgan Park and the Walnut Brook area of Liberty Village was discussed. The planned date for the event is June 22-23. There will be a meeting on 4/2 to plan further details and logistics for the event.

Update on ANJEC Grant for Flemington Borough Community Garden

Levitt provided an update on the grant for composting bins. ANJEC has approved the change of grant use to purchase composting bins instead of a shed. The bins can be selected and purchased now that the grant has been received by the borough. Levitt will follow-up.

EV Tourism Grant

The Commission discussed a current grant that provides some funds to install electric vehicle chargers. The Commission discussed the limitations of the grant, namely that the funds can only be used for the installation of the equipment and that the chargers must be installed on borough property. Karrow suggested that the borough partner with the Hunterdon County Commissioners Office in order to complete the project.

Stream Cleanup with Raritan Headwaters

The Commission discussed the upcoming Stream Cleanup event on 4/20 from 9AM to 12PM. The cleanup will include several sites in Flemington Borough and nearby Raritan Township. Members of the Commission were encouraged to sign-up and participate.

Wertzville Properties

The application for Wertzville Properties has been delayed until May 14. No documents were available for review at this meeting.

Raritan Township Chick-fil-A

The application for the addition of another drive-thru lane at Chick-fil-A will be reviewed on March 26th. The application indicated that the new plans call for the removal of the remainder of the trees on the property as well as most of the impervious cover in order to create another driving lane. The Commission discussed a recommendation to increase plantings in remaining green areas to compensate for the loss of impervious cover.

Central Station Burketts

The application for Central Station was postponed. No documents were available for review at this meeting.

End time: 7:55