

Flemington Borough Environmental Commission
Monday April 15th 2024 @ 7:00 pm
Borough Hall

Minutes

Meeting start time: 7:12

Attendance: Marcia Karrow, Trent Levitt, Chris Runion, Milissa Swingle, Jae Hoff, John Carnie (arrived ~7:45)

Public Comment

Jessie Smith, Flemington Borough Resident, provided an update on the upcoming “Bio Blitz” in June. Smith stated that he is currently working on asking property owners for permission to access different sites across the borough and is working with Flemington DIY about insurance coverage. A few potential sites were discussed: Golf Course along Rt 12, Walnut Brook near Mine Street Bridge, and the Hunterdon Land Trust.

Approval of March Minutes

Minutes from March were approved unanimously.

Chick-Fil-A

The application by Chick-Fil-A to add an extra drive-through lane was approved at the last Planning Board with the addition of an extra tree to the landscaping.

Wertzville Road Properties

The application for Wertzville Road Properties was delayed until May 14.

Central Station Update

The application for Central Station was approved at the last Planning Board meeting.

Liberty Village Updated Plans and Landscaping

Updated plans for the proposed construction at Liberty Village were reviewed. The Commission reviewed the site plans for the park with a playground that will be on Brown Street with public access as well as the overall landscape plan for the subdivision. A pollinator garden is also planned for the border of the park. The Commission noted a large retention basin with landscaping as well as a second basin with a fountain. Current plans noted the location of trees, but did not specify species. The Commission noted that there should be a request for shade trees in these areas to maximize tree coverage of the site.

The Commission discussed the borough’s list of approved trees (found here <https://ecode360.com/34751203#34751193>) and noted that a few species of trees that are now considered “undesirable” (notably the Bradford Pear) are currently on the approved list. The Commission discussed inviting the Shade Tree Commission to the next Environmental Commission meeting in order to review the list and provide suggestions for an update to the list.

ANJEC Grant - Compost Bins for Flemington Borough Community Garden

Levitt confirmed that he had purchased the bins and that they will be installed in the next few weeks.

Tuccamirgan Park Cleanup and Raritan Headwaters Clean up at Old Agway

The Commission discussed two upcoming opportunities for town-wide cleanup. Flemington Borough, Americorps, and Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity will be holding an Earth Day clean-up of Tuccamirgan Park on Sunday, 4/21 from 12-4PM. The Raritan Headwaters will also have their annual clean-up at the Agway site on April 20 from 9AM-12PM. All members of the environmental commission are encouraged to participate.

FEMA funding for Academy Street Flooding

Karrow discussed a recent grant from FEMA to address flooding on Academy Street.

End of meeting: 8:18