

Environmental Commission
Meeting of March 22, 2017

The meeting commenced at 5:05 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Attendance: Phil Haderer, Clifton People Jr., Ellyn Smith and Diana Rutledge
Excused: Tammie Kopin, Joseph Cantalupo, Frank Budney and Casey Cullen

The minutes of the February 15, 2017 meeting were reviewed with a motion by Clifton People and second by Ellyn Smith to accept as read. Approved by members.

Old Business:

It was stated to the members there was a meeting being held with the Army Corp of Engineers and mayors council of surrounding towns concerning the flooding situation by the Rahway River.

Members discussed issues of the NJDEP Stormwater requirements with Union Township Ordinances being in compliance and being pro-active: i.e. Seepage pit requirements for all new construction of 1 & 2-family homes.

LEED: (Leadership Energy Environmental Design): There is a requirement for soil erosion disturbance by the Somerset Union Soil Conservation District needing a permit for 5,000 square feet and above. Engineering can request silt fencing be put around new construction sites in town as added incentive if not already installed. Further discussion on lower threshold which would require developer/builder to prevent soil leaving the site and can be enforced by code official if not compliant. Need to introduce Ordinance to the Planning Board and then Township Committee.

Township is a member of ANJEC and information was distributed on workshops being held by ANJEC Workshop on March 25, 2017 in Cranford from 9:00 – 1:30 p.m. Casey and Tammie plan on attending

New Business:

Contacting Green Acres for what is allowed as far as educational signage in the parks. Our Department of Public Works can do the installation.

Kennedy Reservation Update: There will be a second meeting on March 22, 2017 with residents to discuss: (1) Walking Trail (Township); (2) Dog Run (Township) and (3) Playground (County)

Green Canopy Assessment: County does GIS Mapping – Green Space- Will try to have more information at next meeting

Rain Gardens: Commission looking into including the Township's various committees and community groups as a service project with information on the

Environmental Commission's town web page. Phil Haderer suggested review of area around Municipal Building as a possibility.

Earth Day - April 22, 2017:

1. Poster Contest being held at the Township schools
2. DEP distributing 1,000 tree seedlings and video on planting/maintaining
3. Movie – 11th Hour – Checking license to view at Main Library
4. Tammie Kopin / Lou Ulrich (Supt. DPW) Clean-up of Rahway River waterway – Seeking volunteers
5. Touch-A-Truck Coordinated for families and children to see DPW equipment used for the environment

Environmental Commission Web Page Logo and Mission Statement

Results were being given to Natalie DaSilva of TV 34 for loading onto Township Web site

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 5:00 in the Conference Room.

The meeting was closed with a motion to adjourn by Clifton People and second by Ellyn Smith at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Rutledge