

Environmental Commission
Meeting of May 17, 2017

The meeting commenced at 5:10 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Attendance: Clifton People, Joseph Cantalupo, Ellyn Smith, William Hoover and Diana Rutledge

Excused: Tammie Kopin, Frank Budney, Phil Haderer, Casey Cullen

The minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting were reviewed with a motion by Clifton People to accept as read. Approved by members.

Old Business:

Committeeman People participated in the Clean-Up of the stream alongside Joe Collin's Park on Earth Day, April 22, 2017. He noted there was quite a bit of debris in the stream, but could see fish swimming when the area was cleared.

LEED: (Leadership Energy Environmental Design): Engineering can request silt fencing be put around new construction sites in town as added incentive if not already installed as an amendment to the Ordinance from 5,000 s.f. to 500 s.f. preventing soil leaving the site and can be enforced by code official if not compliant. Environmental Commission would make a recommendation to the Planning Board and then Township Committee. Further discussion

New Business:

Update on 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: Township residents resistant to walking trails and dog park Town will not proceed. County will move forward with Playground Development.

Green Canopy Assessment: Want to ensure tree replacement when road repaving is being done and trees need to be removed. Need to explore funding for the replacement (Add to road program fees?) Also resident concern when they prefer not to replace trees.

Rain Gardens: Exploring studies after Earth Day festivities. Commission looking into including the Township's various committees and community groups as a service project.

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

Members of the Conference of New Jersey Trans Action Group held discussions relative to travel patterns in our cities with concentration on funding for bikeable and walkable streets. Green Lane was a possible suggestion within the Township for bike paths. Also noted was building bike racks within our Stuyvesant Avenue Streetscape project

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 5:00 in the Conference Room.

The meeting was closed with a motion to adjourn by Tammie and second by William Hoover at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Rutledge