

Environmental Commission
Meeting of June 21, 2017

The meeting commenced at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Attendance: Clifton People, Joseph Cantalupo, Ellyn Smith, Philip Haderer, Tammie Kopin and Diana Rutledge
Excused: Frank Budney

Tammie noted Casey Cullen advised of her resigning from the Committee due to her relocating

The minutes of the May 17, 2017 meeting were reviewed with a motion by Joseph Cantalupo to accept as read. Second by Clifton People and approved by members.

Old Business:

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
Continued: Should requirement be made to have certified LEED professionals testify? Opinion: Wait for future LEED certification requirements. There have been no concerns or complaints raised to date Motion for further study: Joe Cantalupo; 2nd: Clifton People

New Business:

The Commission needs to have a Planning Board member serve on the committee. Tammie will contact the Mayor for her input on appointment of a member to the Commission

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. **Continued Study**

TREX Challenge: Six-month collection of all plastic bags (i.e. dry-cleaning, Grocery bags, Ziploc, bubble wrap, cereal bags) minimum 500 lbs (40,500 bags) to compete: report and deliver bags. Good project for eagle-scout or school environmental projects. Award of a “bench” if goal is met We can reach out to Natalie Pinero (our Public Relations coordinator) for assistance

Green Team: Township has grant from PSE&G (\$2,000.) to restart our program for Sustainable Jersey. Dept. of Public Works Superintendent handles all certifications Applications are up for review every three (3) years. Believe we have reached Bronze Level for recertification. Looking to advance to Silver Level by 2020.

Environmental Inventory: Gathering information for a report to help Planning and Zoning Boards meet requirements by the Department of Environmental Protection. The Environmental Commission can compile and record the DEP requirements as a reference source for submitted applications to the respective Board.

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

The meeting was closed with a motion to adjourn by Joseph Cantalupo and second by Clifton People at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Rutledge