

Town of Clinton, NJ
Environmental Commission

Minutes from Regular Meeting on August 12th, 2013

In attendance: Ken Carberry (Council Liaison), Véronique Lambert, Deena Roberts (Shade Tree Commission Liaison), Jeff Schaumburg (Chairperson)

Absent : Jean Pierson, Deb Schaffer

Start: 7:15 pm

Twin Ponds residential development

Ken Carberry brought to the meeting the site development plan which is up for re-approval and said it was unchanged from the plan that had been previously approved. It was briefly looked at, mainly to apprise Véronique and Deena of the plan since they had no prior knowledge of it. No detailed review was undertaken by the Commission.

In-River Clean-up

- Jeff and Deena reported that the In-River Clean-Up held on July 20th was a success. Nine people in 4 canoes took part from 9 am to 1 pm. They started from the Halstead St bridge and went as far as just before the Route 31 bridge. Some of the items pulled out of the river included 22 tires, a welcome sign, a 55-gallon drum, miscellaneous auto parts, and the cover of a storage container.
- July was a good time to do this event, both in terms of lower river water levels and warmer temperatures for going into the water or getting wet.
- Jeff will send photographs and a short write-up of the event to the local papers.
- A suggestion was made to submit a write-up about all Environmental Commission events and happenings in Clinton's newsletter.

Sustainable Jersey Application / Green Team

- A Green Team is a requirement of Sustainable Jersey Certification. Jeff Schaumburg discussed the advantage of having a Green Team to promote greater involvement by volunteers who may be interested in environmental projects but do not want the greater commitment of serving on the Environmental Commission. The commission

will continue to seek town residents for Green Team membership. Veronique and Deena will serve as Green Team liaisons to the Environmental Commission.

- Reviewed Green Team resolutions – 2009 Town of Clinton resolution and a sample resolution provided by Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) to see which one could work for Clinton.
- As per comments from Sustainable Jersey application reviewer, Clinton would only need a proclamation from the council to support and update the 2009 Green Team resolution. It was agreed that Ken will work on getting that from the council.

Next meeting

Monday, September 9th, 2013, at 7pm

End: 9:22 pm

Recorded by Véronique Lambert