

**Town of Clinton
Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2023, at 7:30 PM**

Attendees

Kim Stentz, John Kashwick, Veronique Lambert, Dylan Mahr. Absent: Ken Carberry, Mary Jo Kurtiak, Dean Solomos

Administrative Matters

- John called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on Zoom welcoming Dylan Mahr to his first meeting.
- We did not have a quorum of members that were present at the prior meeting so there the approval of the minutes from September 18 will be postponed until the next meeting.
- John received a letter from Hank Bonnell to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection regarding wetlands delineation. No action needs to be taken at this time.

Council Liaison (John)

- Ken Fisher was unable to attend the meeting again to discuss the I-78 noise and run-off but he will try to make an upcoming meeting.
- John mentioned that the Buildings and Grounds Committee was considering replacing the lights at the pickleball courts. John said at the Council meeting that if this were to take place, the lights should be fully shielded and properly timed or controlled as the not interfere with neighbors. The Environmental Commission authorized John to send a letter to the Buildings and Grounds Committee encouraging dark sky friendly lighting.

Land Use Board (Ken)

- Ken was not able to attend but the Moebus hearings are continuing.

Shade Tree Commission Liaison Report (Kim)

- 30 of the trees have been planted in the Kings Crossing area from the grant funding. An additional five trees will be planted in November.

Green Team

- The Green Team met prior to the meeting. The Town received its bronze certification from Sustainable Jersey with 195 points. We plan to work on silver for next year. Some of the items we are working on include the Buy Local campaign, prescription drug pick-up, and a tree preservation ordinance. Mayor Kovach, Councilwoman Padmos, and John will be attending the Sustainable Jersey luncheon in Atlantic City to accept the certification award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

John Kashwick