

This meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm on February 7, 2019.

Attending: Michelle Cavalchire, Grace Mitchko, Ray Simonds, Kathy Hale, Rezaul Karim, Jeff Vaccarella

Public Comment

- Regarding the Wawa application- the phase one report was requested and received, it is currently being reviewed by the environmental commission.
- A local boy scout named Nate Allen from troop 186 in Three Bridges obtaining "citizenship in the community": report on different perspectives of an issue in the community

Green Team

- The sustainable Jersey grant deadline is due February 14; the current project focuses on advertising for the T.H.A.T. via Creative Hunterdon. (an art tour in HC)
- The municipal building application was approved for the electric car charging station.

Community Forestry.

- The annual report is in progress for Community Forestry. The DPW is submitting information regarding existing trees in the township. EC still processing budget.
- Approval for CEUs: the RTEC is currently working to obtain previously completed credits.
- The RTEC is planning to complete more ceus for the 2019 year, updates planned.
- Tree seedlings: Michelle and Ray will contact other townships to see if they have seedlings or if everyone will contribute to get seedlings.

Open Space:

- Nothing reported.

Treasurer

- Received invoice from New Jersey Shade Tree Federation for a municipal membership for four members of the RTEC.

Planning Board and Board of Adjustments

- There was no Planning Board meeting. There is nothing to report.

Correspondence

- There are no new or additional site plans to review.
- The RTEC received a Letter of Interpretation regarding a property on 207 everitts road. The LOI specifies it is for "freshwater wetlands, open waters or transition areas on the property, and if freshwater wetlands are present identifies their resource value."
- The ANJEC training fundamentals class is reoccurring in March 2019.
- There will be an NJUCF CORE training which will take place Saturday March 23 in New Brunswick at the Holly House at Rutgers Gardens. There is a \$50 registration fee.
- Free conference 3/1 at RVCC: Ecological changes in NJ Forests: Implications for effective stewardships.

- The RTEC received emails from lisa fania re: Municipalities may apply to get funding for Green Acres. NJ brownfields IAWG OR NJ Inter Agency Working Group is looking for redevelopment projects in municipalities to turn blighted properties into community assets, NJ Shade Tree Federation: the Vegetation Management Proposed Bill S2505 was voted on.

Old Business

- Rain garden maintenance update: no updates.
- River road dam removal project update: no updates.
- The RTEC voted to change meeting dates to the 2nd and 4th thursdays at 7:30 pm and the change was approved. Michelle Cavalchire motioned for this change, and it was seconded by Ray Simonds, Grace Mitchko, and Rezaul Karim.

New Business

- RHA staff and board of trustees to honor Ray Simonds, Lisa Fania, and Stephanie Haver for their work on our well testing program on 2/28 @ Oldwick firehouse.
- There will be a PBS story on television about the Clinton township deer management strategy.
- A packet was shared with the RTEC regarding 2018 recycling programs: In 2018 at 3 events the program collected computers, televisions, printers, fax machines, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, propane tanks, smoke detectors, and tires. The REA grant will be funding recycling cans for various county offices and facilities.

Site Plan Review

- The latest Wawa updated site plans were reviewed today by RTEC. The date on the plans was November 28 2018. Ray Simonds is currently reviewing the phase one report from WAWA*.
- There is still uncertainty and concerns regarding the appropriateness of the proposed buffer encroachment.-The project itself is still waiting on DEP permits.-The Wawa plan still does not meet the current impervious cover requirements.-The RTEC still has questions about the phase one; and is still reviewing the report*.
- *Several points have been verbalized so far:
 1. A portable well was sampled approximately ten years ago for contaminants, excluding lead. Further investigation is warranted including testing for lead as there are no records that this is a historically contaminated site, but there are also no records it is lead free.
 2. There was some groundwater contamination found at the car dealership nearby in 2005, but no follow up was documented.
 3. There was also a printing press previously located nearby and it is questionable if its closure fell under ISRA regulations. It is a closed site, yet there is no documentation of ISRA investigation.
 4. Additionally, the underground storage tank and above ground tank still needs investigation of surrounding soil for evaluation of the presence of contaminants.

Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm on February 7, 2019

