

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024**

LJenssen, Chair called the meeting to order by reading the following statement.at 7:10 pm.

“I would like to announce and have placed in the minutes that adequate notice of this meeting of the Califon Environmental Commission has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publication of the legal notice in the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat”.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Present: LJenssen (Chair), B.Thomas (Secretary), D.Blair, N.Ferdinand, R.Geist, J.Gross, J.Kinney,

Also Present: K.Schwarz

Absent: E.Haversang (Council Liason), B.Pickens

Approval of Minutes:

Meeting of Tuesday, April 9, 2024 - Motion: J.Gross, Second: R.Geist, All in Favor: Yes

Correspondence:

Old Business:

Highlands Grant - nothing to report.

Weis Mill Dam - hearing Thursday, July 18th at 6:00 pm before Council Meeting here at Municipal Building.

Stream cleanup Saturday, April 20th, 2024. The event was successful, lots of trash. Pictures to be tracked down.

Community Tree Recovery Program - trees were distributed.

Garbage Collection - EC unanimously voted to take this to Council. J.Gross will draft a letter for EC to approve ANJEC Grant – 1) expanding the pollinator garden on hold; 2) J.Bell to install rain barrel cost approximately \$100, 3) discussion about triangle in front of post office (allotting \$400) - need a plan, who will pay for removal of tree and bushes. Suggestion to reach out to Lebanon Garden club for help. Motion was made to not expand the pollinator garden this year. Motion was made to spend \$100 on rain barrel installation. Motion was made to allocate \$400 for plantings at the triangle.

The Planning Board needs an EC representative - N.Ferdinand to attend the May 22nd meeting.

Advisory Committee - Highlands Watershed Protection Plan J.Kinney and J.Gross joined this.

Management of Leaf Blower Usage - L.Jenssen to email B.Thomas Princeton’s Ordinance to share with commission. B.Thomas to email Califon’s nuisance code to commission.

Street Fair Sunday, October 13, 2024 - Invasive Species Identification/Remediation possible idea. Electric

Landscape Equipment education/demonstration- possible idea - raffle piece of equipment.

New Business:

Discussed a workshop about invasive species-identification and remediation, also tie this into Street Fair

Public Comment: K,Schwarz discussed a company that composts. She will do more research and report back to the commission.

Adjournment: at 8:22 pm Motion: D.Blair, Second: J.Gross, All in Favor: Yes