

Jamal Kadri (12/31/2025)	P	P									
Ozgur Tunceli (Alt I) (12/31/ 2024)	A	P									
Leo Rommell (Alt II) (12/31/2023)	P	P									

REVIEW OF AGENDA

It was requested the meetings be moved to 7PM. Secretary Kavchok will work with Mayor Bloom on the ZOOM issue.

→ Motion - to move meetings to 7pm

A motion was made by Chair Stetson and seconded by Member Groon to move the Environmental Commission meetings to 7pm. All in favor by voice vote.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

→ Motion - January 23rd, 2023 REORG Minutes

A motion to approve the January 23rd, 2023 REORG Meeting minutes was made by Vice Chair Lurie and seconded by member Groon. All in favor by voice vote.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

→ Motion - Open to the public

A motion to open to the public was made by member Groon and seconded by Member Johanson. Four members of the public were present; Emily Mastroprieto, Sarah Falk, and John and Sue Saponara.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

John and Sue Saponara spoke about their experiences with incorporating geothermal heating and cooling in their residence. They discussed install, cost, rebates, benefits, return, how they came about the decision to install it as well as the mechanics behind it. Refer to the ZOOM recording on youtube for further information.

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS

Events

Secretary Kavchok provided an update on the events coming up in the Spring. Sarah Falk, Americorp Ambassador was on the call and advised she will advertise the Amwell Lake Cleanup event on 3/19.

The Sustainability Series is set for March and May however Chair Kavchok would like to have an arborist in order to satisfy the Sustainable Jersey tree planting grant initiative. Bob Lurie and Erica Johanson will look into having a member from Sourland Conservancy possibly speak in April.

Vice Chair Lurie advised he will speak with his contacts at NJ Solar to explore options for them to participate in the Green Scene in April.

Roadside cleanup is set for April 23rd through May 6th

Raritan Headwaters Stream Cleanup is set for April 15th. East Amwell will have a site at the Cider Mill Bridge, which is the lower back brook.

Subcommittee Reports:

Native Plants Subcommittee: Erica Johanson and committee members will meet with Randi Eickel from Toadshade at Clawson Park on 3/17 at 11am to assess what is needed to enhance the rain garden. Alison will send a meeting reminder to the subcommittee

Events & Outreach Subcommittee: Chair Kavchok spoke already about most events but advised she will follow up with subcommittee members re: outreach and asked for assistance from Vice Chair Lurie on anything that could be done differently/better re: outreach to ensure a good turnout for events.

Equity Advisory Subcommittee: Secretary Kavchok will be reaching out to prospective members/residents to form a “focus group” on the EA Subcommittee so as to have proper direction and goals moving forward within the next 2 months.

Climate Change Subcommittee: Bob Lurie will reach out to his contact at C Change Climate Discussions for possibly providing a talk at our June Sustainability Series.

Site Review Subcommittee: Member Kadri advised of resident concerns regarding the rain basins at Clawson park which were voiced at the last Planning Board meeting. Secretary Kavchok will connect member Kadri with Mara Tippet from Raritan Headwaters to advise on watershed conditions, which currently score low.

NEW BUSINESS

Guided Walk

Secretary Kavchok had a conversation with Tom Sheppard of Hunterdon County P&R re: guided walks. This could be an initiative we arrange in the Summer or Fall.

ORAL REPORTS

Planning Board - Chair Stetson advised on the Master Plan to date.

Parks & Recreation - Secretary Kavchok provided an update on the proposed and confirmed events for 2023.

FOSPC - Secretary Kavchok and Member Johanson advised that the Farmland Preservation application is a work in progress.

Township Committee Liaison - Mayor Casper-Bloom was unable to provide an update as she had to leave early for family obligations.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Patsy Wang Iverson advised on grant opportunities through NJRCD and will provide Chair Stetson with a contact from NJRCD on same (Laura Tessiere). Secretary Kavchok advised of further grant opportunities through ANJEC. Both of these would assist in the rain garden mitigation efforts at Clawson Park.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

There were no vouchers to date.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was distributed to the commission prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

→ Motion - Close the meeting

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Vice Chair Lurie and seconded by member Groom at 8:58 p.m.

Alison Kavchok, Secretary