

BLOOMFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

March 16, 2022

I. Call to Order - 7:32pm by Chair Cailyn Bruno

II. Attendance:

Present: Cailyn Bruno (Chair), Flint Kinkade, Rich Moseson, Susan Marano, John Evangelista, Gregory Babula, Sophie Sawyer, Nick Joanow (Council liaison), Genevieve Reoch (guest)

Absent:

III. Approval of Minutes – January minutes approved

IV. Old Business

Outreach Subcommittee – Rich gave update on schools' Green Team. Rich made contact with developer @ 71 Locust Ave and discussed the possibility of gaining access to harvest milkweed. He was amenable and BEC will set up a meeting once the milkweed has emerged. Rich also met with Glen Ridge's Environmental Advisory Committee to discuss establishing a pollinator pathway.

Ordinance Review: The Health Department responded via email to BEC's letter. BEC members will review the response and submit questions and requests for clarification.

Montclair recently proposed an ordinance to require any new planting on public property to be native and pollinator-friendly. A copy of the proposed ordinance will be distributed to BEC members for review for opinions and suggestions for implementation for Bloomfield. There could be opportunities for collaboration with the Beautification Committee.

ERI Subcommittee: CME requested mapping from the Planning Department.

Sustainable Jersey Subcommittee: Earth Day event will be Saturday, April 23rd from 11-3pm in the Library Courtyard. BEC will distribute vegetable seedlings courtesy of John Evangelista at our table.

2021 Annual Report: BEC will review the draft 2021 Annual Report and look to finalize at April meeting.

Farmer's Market: Cailyn will reach out to Mike with the Recreation Department to secure a table for the BEC.

V. New Business

1. Brownfields Presentation - Cailyn presented on what Brownfields are and example opportunities they present. A Brownfields Inventory was created for Bloomfield, and Cailyn presented the methodology and results.

VI. Next Meeting: April 20, 2022 (Virtual)

VII. Adjournment – 9:00 pm