

Matawan Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2018

The regular meeting of the Matawan Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:10pm on August 14, 2018 by Commission Chairman Daniel Wiczorek.

I. Meeting Attendance (9)

a. Present

Commission Members

Daniel Wiczorek (chair)
Deana Gunn (Council Chair)
Larry McGee
Ginny Sanzo
Sharen LaPorta

Associate Members

Adam Fernandez
Malini Guha

b. Absent

Jim Tobias
Anthony Washington
Meredith Comi

Michele Devanny
Ken Ramsey

c. Guests

Amy Kaban
Diane Doolittle

II. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the June 12, 2018 and July 10, 2018 Meetings approved with corrections

III. Guest Speakers:

None

IV. Member and Guest Reports on Affiliate Organizations

a. Aberdeen Environmental Advisory Board (Dan)

i. No Report

b. Matawan Shade Tree (Larry)

i. On target to be Tree City by September 1, 2018

ii. Discussion of signage and publicity announcement

c. Planning Board (Sharen)

i. No report

d. Bayshore Regional Watershed Council (Meredith)

i. No report (Meeting was cancelled, next meeting Thursday, September 13)

e. Monmouth County Environmental Council (pending)

i. No Report

f. Matawan Town Council (Deana)

i. National Night Out – Rained Out

ii. Recycling Center update

iii. FYI Aberdeen has free mulch/compost at their recycling center

V. Reports on Special Events/Meetings Attended

- i. July 21st Lake Lefferts Kayak Tours – not much feedback on attendance etc, to date

VI. Progress Reports on Active Projects

- a. Lefferts Waterfront Cleanup/Expansion/Nature Trail (Dan and Sharen)
 - i. No report
- b. Lefferts Kayak Tours
 - i. Matawan Recreation Department and NY/NJ Baykeeper will be running free, 1 hour kayak tours on Lake Lefferts this season. They will be led by Joe Reynolds.
 - ii. Next Date:
 - 1. Saturday August 25th
 - a. 9am-10am
 - b. 11am-12pm
 - c. 1pm-2pm
 - d. 3pm-4pm
- c. Signs Marking our Watershed (Meredith)
 - i. No report
- d. Community Garden (Dan, Jim, Larry & Anthony)
 - i. No Report
- e. Rain Garden (Meredith, Anthony, Deana, Dan & Michele)
 - i. No Report
- f. Tree City USA (Larry)
 - i. By September 1, 2018, Matawan should be a Tree City USA town!
- g. Sustainable Jersey for Schools (Dan)
 - i. We need to propose an ordinance for the Matawan Environmental Commission to be the primary contact for Sustainable New Jersey and then we need to assemble a Green Team
- h. Solar Power for Matawan Borough and School System (pending)
 - i. No Report
- i. Natural Resource Inventory (Adam)
 - i. Open Public Records Request submission is work in progress

VII. New Business

- a. Upcoming Meetings and Project Suggestions
 - i. NY/NJ Baykeeper Open House and Ribbon Cutting – August 30th - 6pm – 7:30pm at 30 Washington Street in Matawan

VIII. Open Floor (General Discussions)

- a. The Independent - how can we mitigate and reduce the quantity of newspapers distributed and laying around unclaimed in neighborhoods, especially in plastic bags!!!! What is their policy on distribution and can it be reduced for environmental reasons --- Ginny will contact The Independent and follow up at the next Environmental Commission Meeting
- b. Update on herbicide at Lake Lefferts and Lake Matawan – concerns were addressed with Lou (Borough Administrator) who addressed and explained all concerns brought to him

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm by Daniel Wieczorek. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on September 11, 2018, at the Matawan Municipal Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Sanzo