

## Matawan Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2018

The regular meeting of the Matawan Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm on December 12, 2018 by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek.

### I. Meeting Attendance (10)

#### a. Present

##### Commission Members

Daniel Wieczorek (chair)  
Deana Gunn (Council Chair)  
Larry McGee  
Ginny Sanzo  
Sharen LaPorta  
Meredith Comi  
Anthony Washington

##### Associate Members

Malini Guha

#### b. Absent

Jim Tobias

Adam Fernandez  
Michele Devanny  
Ken Ramsey

#### c. Guests

Paul Rinear  
Brett Cannon

### II. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the October 9, 2018 Meeting approved as submitted

### III. Guest Speaker – NONE

### IV. Member and Guest Reports on Affiliate Organizations

#### a. Aberdeen Environmental Advisory Board (Dan)

- i. Paul Rinear reported on their first green team meeting (5 and 2 alternates plus 2 ex-officio members), core group is primarily from the municipality itself, then expand out to the community as the group grows. Also working on their certification with Sustainable NJ
- ii. Paul Rinear reported on their primary projects: the River Gardens project and Lenox Road area (green acres site) and the interest in having bike trails etc for the community
- iii. Paul Rinear reported on the “Green Amendment” to the NJ Constitution and the possibility of Aberdeen passing a resolution to accept this Green Amendment. (Guarantees each resident to clean air, clean water and a clean environment)

#### b. Matawan Shade Tree (Larry)

- i. Attended event in Cherry Hill regarding forestry etc, a full day of programs. Also working on garnering tree seedlings for Arbor Day

- c. Planning Board (Sharen)
  - i. Brief discussion of Blue House ... tabled to next planning board meeting, February 2019
  - ii. Number of projects coming up
- d. Bayshore Regional Watershed Council (Meredith)
  - i. Next Meeting Thursday, 12/13/18 – discussion of next year’s goals/initiatives
- e. Monmouth County Environmental Council (pending)
  - i. No Report
- f. Matawan Town Council (Deana)
  - i. Official switch over to solar panel use, Thursday, 12/13/18
  - ii. Final approval to get the police station solar
  - iii. Attended ANJEC event in October and NRI sessions
  - iv. Addressing requested budget for an NRI for Matawan
- g. Matawan Aberdeen Educational Foundation (Jim)
  - i. No Report

V. Reports on Special Events/Meetings Attended

VI. Progress Reports on Active Projects (Tabled to Next Meeting, January, 2019)

- a. Lefferts Waterfront Cleanup/Expansion/Nature Trail
- b. Signs Marking our Watershed (Meredith)
- c. Community Garden (Dan, Jim, Larry & Anthony)
- d. Rain Garden ( Meredith, Anthony, Deana, Dan & Michele)
- e. Tree City USA (Larry)
- f. Sustainable Jersey (Dan)
- g. Solar Power for Matawan Borough and School System (pending)
- h. Natural Resource Inventory (Adam)
- i. “The Independent” (Ginny)
- j. Single Use Plastic Awareness/Education (Jim)

VII. New Business

- a. 2019 Initiative Planning/Prioritization/Road Map/Budgeting
  - i. Sustainable Jersey/Green Team
  - ii. Natural Resource Inventory
  - iii. Rain Garden
- b. Discussion of Annual Report for 2018
  - i. To include agendas, minutes, projects/events/meetings attended
- c. Recommendations for appointments of expiring Commission member terms
  - i. Adam Fernandez
  - ii. Sharen LaPorta
  - iii. Ginny Sanzo

- d. Appointment of 2019 Associate Members
  - i. Current: Adam Fernandez, Malini Guha, Michele Devanny, Ken Ramsey
  - ii. Recommended: Jim Tobias, Malini Guha, contact to be made with other potential renewals/appointments

VIII. Open Floor (General Discussions)

- a. Discussion of low tide odors at Aberdeen Road
- b. Discussion of Texas Road by Wilson Avenue area - studies for redevelopment

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm by Commission Chair Daniel Wiczorek. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on January 8, 2019, at the Matawan Municipal Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Sanzo