

Matawan Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2018

RESCHEDULED – September 20, 2018

The regular meeting of the Matawan Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:01 pm on September 20, 2018 by Commission Chairman Daniel Wieczorek.

I. Meeting Attendance (8)

a. Present

Commission Members

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

Associate Members

Adam Fernandez

b. Absent

Meredith Comi

Malini Guha
Michele Devanny
Ken Ramsey

c. Guests

Yvette Reyes

II. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the August 14, 2018 Meeting approved as submitted

III. Guest Speaker – Yvette Reyes

- Presented a Proposal for “Single Use Plastic” Community Awareness at Matawan Day.
- Campaign to “ReUse, Refuse, ReCycle, Respect Our Planet, with an Objective to “Educate families and children about our unsustainable single use plastic consumption”
- Proposed the exhibit of possibly 10 art pieces made of single use plastic
- Request to be sponsored by the Matawan Environmental Commission
- The Matawan Environmental Commission voted to approve a maximum budget of \$250 to cover the Matawan Day registration fee, a tent rental and a small stipend to the artist that is loaning the artwork

IV. Member and Guest Reports on Affiliate Organizations

- a. Aberdeen Environmental Advisory Board (Dan)
 - i. Discussion of Aberdeen Day 9/29
 - ii. ANJEC Environmental Congress 10/12
 - iii. Getting a new park “River Gardens” and there was a walk-through of the places and grounds
- b. Matawan Shade Tree (Larry)
 - i. Awaiting for confirmation of Tree City USA Status – all eligibility requirements have been submitted
 - ii. Discussion of presence at Matawan Day
- c. Planning Board (Sharen)
 - i. Nothing to report
- d. Bayshore Regional Watershed Council (Meredith)
 - i. No Report
- e. Monmouth County Environmental Council (pending)
 - i. No Report
- f. Matawan Town Council (Deana)
 - i. Need to work on a budget for next year
 - 1. Suggestion to make Sustainable Jersey the priority for the upcoming year
 - 2. Would like to budget for much needed Natural Resource Inventory
 - 3. Budget plans/ideas are needed by October 15th
 - ii. Still working on solar panels at municipal building (rain delays); pillars are in place at the police station and that will be worked on next
 - iii. Recycle Coach App – gives the town recycling schedule, what to recycle etc; Matawan’s Recycle Coach App will be rolling out by end of September
 - iv. Don’t put comingled recycles in plastic bags
 - v. Discussion of expiring terms of commission members and associate members on 12/31/18

V. Reports on Special Events/Meetings Attended

- i. UPCOMING – Matawan Day, Saturday, October 13, 2018 (rain date Sunday, 10/14)
 - 1. Sponsorship of single use plastic art display
 - 2. Matawan Environmental Commission will have a table and information to hand out,
 - 3. Commission Member volunteer sign up to assist day of the event
 - 4. Working on designing and creating a banner to have for this event and future events
- ii. UPCOMING – ANJEC 45th Annual Environmental Congress- Friday, October 12th
 - 1. Interest gauged in any Commission Members attending
 - 2. Registration needs to be completed by September 28th
 - 3. <http://www.anjec.org/ConfWorkshops.htm#Congress2018>

VI. Progress Reports on Active Projects

- a. Lefferts Waterfront Cleanup/Expansion/Nature Trail
 - i. No report
- b. Signs Marking our Watershed (Meredith)
 - i. No report
- c. Community Garden (Dan, Jim, Larry & Anthony)
 - i. No Report
- d. Rain Garden (Meredith, Anthony, Deana, Dan & Michele)
 - i. No Report
- e. Tree City USA (Larry)
 - i. Awaiting confirmation of Tree City USA achievement
- f. Sustainable Jersey for Schools (Dan)
 - i. No Report
- g. Solar Power for Matawan Borough and School System (pending)
 - i. See report by Deana Gunn above
- h. Natural Resource Inventory (Adam)
 - i. Working on getting proposals to be able to put in a request for budget for 2019 year
- i. "The Independent" (Ginny)
 - i. Engaged in a robust game of phone tag, hope to report more at next meeting

VII. New Business

- a. Upcoming Meetings and Project Suggestions
 - i. Possible Fall Clean-Up? May not have enough time and volunteer power to coordinate

VIII. Open Floor (General Discussions)

- a. None

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm by Daniel Wiczorek. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on October 9, 2018, at the Matawan Municipal Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Sanzo