

Matawan Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Matawan Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:12pm on October 8, 2019 by Meredith Comi for Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek.

I. Meeting Attendance

a. Present

Commission Members

Anthony Washington
Ginny Sanzo
Meredith Comi
Deana Gunn
Sharen LaPorta

Associate Members

b. Absent

Daniel Wieczorek (chair)
Larry McGee – resigned 10/7/19
Adam Fernandez

Diane Doolittle
Michele Devanny
Malini Guha

c. Guests

Paul Rinear
Liya Jody

Daniel McCarthy
Kaylee Darcy

II. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the July 9, 2019 meeting approved

III. Guest Speaker – None

IV. Member and Guest Reports on Affiliate Organizations

a. Aberdeen Environmental Advisory Board (Dan)

- i. Paul Rinear shared some discussion about the Board's consideration of a plastic bag ban, strengthening their tree ordinance and recycling in the schools

b. Matawan Shade Tree (TBD)

- i. No Report

c. Planning Board (Sharen)

- i. Meeting 10/7/19, nothing new has come up

d. Bayshore Regional Watershed Council (Meredith)

- i. No Report

e. Monmouth County Environmental Council (TBD)

- i. No Report

f. Matawan Town Council (Deana)

- i. Matawan Day was a success, approx. 3,000 people came through
- ii. Trunk or Treat 10/27 at Community Center, petting zoo
- iii. Turkey Trot, Saturday after Thanksgiving
- iv. Small Business Saturday plans
- v. Matawan Tree Lighting

- g. Matawan Aberdeen Educational Foundation (TBD)
 - i. No Report

V. Reports on Special Events/Meetings Attended

- a. UPCOMING – ANJEC – 2019 Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions – Saturday, October 26, 2019 – 9am-1pm at Bell Works in Holmdel – please RSVP to Deana Gunn

VI. Progress Reports on 2019 Priority Projects

- a. Natural Resource Inventory (Adam)
 - i. No Report
- b. Sustainable Jersey
 - i. Work in progress

VII. Progress Reports on Continuous Projects/Interests **(REPORT AS NEED ONLY)**

- a. Signs Marking our Watershed (Meredith)
 - i. Project on hold
- b. Tree City USA Designation (TBD)
 - i. No Report
- c. Single Use Plastic Awareness/Education (TBD)
 - i. No Report
- d. “The Independent” (Ginny)
 - i. No Report

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. Sustainable Jersey Certification Application – Deadline November 17, 2019
 - i. We will finish what we can this year
 - ii. Assess in January 2020 what needs to be done to complete the application

IX. New Business

- a. 2020 appointments/recommendations
 - i. Discussion of expiring terms and appointments, suggestions for new appointees
- b. 2020 initiatives
 - i. Sustainable Jersey Certification
 - ii. Natural Resource Inventory
 - iii. Spring Clean-up

X. Other Projects (if time)

- a. Rain Garden
 - i. No Report
- b. Lefferts Waterfront Cleanup/Expansion/Nature Trail (Dan/Sharen)
 - i. No Report
- c. Community Garden (Dan, Anthony)
 - i. No Report

XI. Open Floor (General Discussions)

XII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm by Meredith Comi for Commission Chair Daniel Wiczorek. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on November 12, 2019, at the Matawan Municipal Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Sanzo