

## Matawan Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2019

The regular meeting of the Matawan Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:09pm on March 13, 2019 by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek.

### I. Meeting Attendance (10)

#### a. Present

##### Commission Members

Daniel Wieczorek (chair)  
Meredith Comi  
Adam Fernandez  
Ginny Sanzo  
Anthony Washington  
Larry McGee  
Sharen LaPorta

##### Associate Members

Diane Doolittle

#### b. Absent

Deana Gunn (Council Chair)

Malini Guha  
Jim Tobias  
Michele Devanny

#### c. Guests

Loretta Windas  
Dan Carroll

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

Minutes of the January 8, 2019 Meeting approved as submitted

### III. Guest Speaker – Loretta Windas – Matawan Animal Advisory Committee

- A Resource for citizens of town regarding animal related matters --- pets, wild animals, animal cruelty, how to find a veterinarian, how to surrender a pet, what to do about a wounded animal, etc.
- A passive role with potential for partnerships with other commissions/committees/organizations
- Been around since end of 2015
- Accomplishments:
  - Enacted an Ordinance for pet stores to not source from puppy mills or unethical sources
  - Enacted ordinance regarding pets left in vehicles above 84 degrees and below 32 degrees
  - Procured oxygen masks for fire department dogs
- Humane Backyard Certification Initiative
- Awaiting new committee appointments

IV. Member and Guest Reports on Affiliate Organizations

- a. Aberdeen Environmental Advisory Board (Dan)
  - i. Moving to become an Environmental Commission as well, to give them more capabilities
  - ii. Update on Aberdeen Green Team Meeting held 3/12/19
    - 1. Beach cleanups
    - 2. High School Group “Sea the Future”
    - 3. Stream and gully cleanups
    - 4. Sustainable Jersey with Pat Noble
      - a. Have about 95 points towards Sustainable Jersey Certification
    - 5. Pet licensing, etc
    - 6. Arts and creative culture
    - 7. Energy/solar energy updates/discussion
    - 8. Municipal fleet
    - 9. Idling vehicles
    - 10. Health and wellness, health fair April 6<sup>th</sup>
    - 11. Natural Resource Inventory
    - 12. Environmental Commission status change requested by the Advisory Board
    - 13. Waste management – single use plastic, disposal of prescription drugs, food waste, schools & styrofoam
- b. Matawan Shade Tree (Larry)
  - i. Official Shade Tree City – Tree City website doesn’t get updated until June
  - ii. Shade Tree banners coming to put around town
- c. Planning Board (Sharen)
  - i. Discussion of coverage variance for 226 Main Street
- d. Bayshore Regional Watershed Council (Meredith)
  - i. Meeting is Thursday 3/14, focus will be on pipeline
  - ii. Joe Reynolds formed his own wildlife non-profit
- e. Monmouth County Environmental Council (pending)
  - i. No report
- f. Matawan Town Council (Deana)
  - i. No report
- g. Matawan Aberdeen Educational Foundation (Jim)
  - i. No report

V. Reports on Special Events/Meetings Attended

- a. No events/meetings

VI. Progress Reports on 2019 Priority Projects

- a. Sustainable Jersey/Green Team
  - i. Need a chairman!
  - ii. Ideas of viable green team members
  - iii. Need to write an ordinance

- b. Natural Resource Inventory
  - i. Town needs to request a Formal Request for Proposals, then we can request legitimate bids for the NRI
- c. Rain Garden
  - i. No report

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

- a. 2019 Spring Clean up (Meredith) – proposing Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Formation of sub-committee (Sharen, Anthony, Dan)
- b. Lefferts Waterfront Cleanup/Expansion/Nature Trail (Dan/Sharen) – N/R
- c. Signs Marking our Watershed (Meredith) – N/R
- d. Community Garden (Dan, Jim, Larry & Anthony) – N/R
- e. Tree City USA Designation (Larry) – See “Shade Tree” report
- f. Single Use Plastic Awareness/Education (Jim) – N/R
- g. “The Independent” (Ginny) – N/R
  - i. Write an ordinance that they have to be requested to deliver a paper
  - ii. Waste factor – they are going in the garbage, not being recycled due to being wet from weather etc

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. 2018 Annual Report – very well received by mayor and council at January’s Council meeting

IX. New Business

- a. 2019 Memorial Day Parade – Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – in consideration
- b. ANJEC – Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions
  - i. <http://www.anjec.org/ConfWorkshops.htm>
- c. June 14<sup>th</sup> - Sustainable Jersey – Sustainability Summit and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Holmdel
  - i. <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eg34bra0495841a4&llr=e4svqyeab>
- d. Commission Photo – Tabled to April meeting

X. Open Floor (General Discussions)

- a. No report

XI. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm by Commission Chair Daniel Wiczorek. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on April 9, 2019, at the Matawan Municipal Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ginny Sanzo