

## Matawan Environmental Commission

### Meeting Minutes June 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the Matawan Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:05pm on June 11, 2019 by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek.

#### I. Meeting Attendance (4)

##### a. Present

##### Commission Members

Daniel Wieczorek (chair)  
Adam Fernandez  
Ginny Sanzo  
Larry McGee

##### Associate Members

##### b. Absent

Meredith Comi  
Anthony Washington  
Deana Gunn  
Sharen LaPorta

Diane Doolittle  
Malini Guha  
Jim Tobias  
Michele Devanny

##### c. Guests (4)

Barry and Daisy Orr  
Janilee and J. Yanny

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

Minutes of the May 24, 2019 Meeting approved as submitted

#### III. Guest Speaker – None

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

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

i. No Report

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

i. No Report

##### c. Planning Board (Sharen)

i. No 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. No Report

##### g. Matawan Aberdeen Educational Foundation (Jim)

i. No Report

- V. Reports on Special Events/Meetings Attended
  - a. UPCOMING - June 14<sup>th</sup> - Sustainable Jersey – Sustainability Summit and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Holmdel
    - i. Contingent of Commission Members are attending (Dan, Deana, Meredith and Ginny)
    - ii. Hope to achieve some helpful insight into earning points and achieving Sustainable Jersey
  
- VI. Progress Reports on 2019 Priority Projects
  - a. Natural Resource Inventory (Adam)
    - i. Continuing Progress
  - b. Sustainable Jersey/Green Team
    - i. Discussion of the importance of everyone following through on their initiatives in order to assist achieving the points we need to achieve Bronze or Silver for Sustainability
    - ii. Discussion of the key targets working towards this goal, which needs to be completed by September
  
- 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 (Larry)
    - i. No Report
  - c. Single Use Plastic Awareness/Education (Jim)
    - i. No Report
  - d. “The Independent” (Ginny)
    - i. No Report
  
- VIII. Unfinished Business
  - a. None Reported
  
- IX. New Business
  - a. None Reported
  
- 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, Jim, Larry, Anthony)
    - i. No Report

XI. Open Floor (General Discussions)

- a. **Wyckoff Street Residents attended the Environmental Commission meeting to provide a complaint regarding the spraying of herbicide on Lake Lefferts. The following is a summary of the statements made to the commission:**

The Lake Lefferts herbicide application took place on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. It was an extremely windy day, 25-30mph gusts, with Northwest winds (this herbicide is not to be sprayed in winds over 10mph). Due to the winds, the herbicide spray that was sprayed over the lake blew into the neighborhoods and did significant damage to the plantings on the residents' properties, inclusive of trees, vegetables/herbs, flowers and bushes. Guests brought photos for the commission to review, showing that the herbicide droplets left burn marks on some plants and destroyed other plants within 24 hours. The residents contacted the town, the application company, as well as the county and state EPAs. The state EPA came to the residents and took photos and made a report. The residents are seeking from the Environmental Commission an addressing of the irresponsible application (in winds over 10mph), as well as the lack of advance notice of the spraying, as posting took place after the spraying occurred.

**The Environmental Commission will move forward in communicating with the town administrator regarding this issue.**

XII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on July 9, 2019, at the Matawan Municipal Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Sanzo