

Matawan Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes July 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Matawan Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:11pm on July 9, 2019 by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek.

I. Meeting Attendance (8)

a. Present

Commission Members

Daniel Wieczorek (chair)
Adam Fernandez
Ginny Sanzo
Larry McGee
Meredith Comi
Deana Gunn
Sharen LaPorta

Associate Members

Diane Doolittle

b. Absent

Anthony Washington

Malini Guha

Jim Tobias

Michele Devanny

c. Guests

None

II. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting approved with corrections

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. Due to the passing of David Vergaretti, who was the Council Liaison for Shade Tree, newly appointed Councilman Brian Livesey has been appointed to stand in as Council Liaison for Shade Tree

c. Planning Board (Sharen)

i. No Report – hasn't been a meeting

d. Bayshore Regional Watershed Council (Meredith)

i. No Report

e. Monmouth County Environmental Council (pending)

i. No Report

f. Matawan Town Council (Deana)

i. Lake Lefferts Herbicide incident response. Residents attended council meeting, as well as wrote a letter. Addressed the concern of lack of notification, as well as inappropriate application

- ii. Recycling Center is up and running, get your access card from Borough Hall – Town Clerk
- iii. Solar monitor has been installed but not 100% functioning yet
- iv. Notification from Town Administrator regarding an update from NJ Transit and the Henry Hudson Trail project and an upcoming meeting between NJ Transit, Matawan and Aberdeen
- g. Matawan Aberdeen Educational Foundation (Jim)
 - i. No Report

V. Reports on Special Events/Meetings Attended

- a. June 14th - Sustainable Jersey – Sustainability Summit and 10th Anniversary – Holmdel
 - i. Contingent of Commission Members attended (Dan, Deana and Meredith)
 - ii. Attended workshops and seminars and garnered some helpful information on obtaining points for achieving Sustainable Jersey status

VI. Progress Reports on 2019 Priority Projects

- a. Natural Resource Inventory (Adam)
 - i. Continuing Progress
- b. Sustainable Jersey
 - i. Primary focus is getting everyone to follow through on initiatives to assist in achieving the points needed to achieve Bronze or Silver for Sustainability.
 - ii. Deadline is end of August

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. Follow up on Lake Lefferts Herbicide Spray Issue – See Town Council Report

IX. New Business

- a. There will not be an Environmental Commission Meeting in August, as all Commission focus will be on achieving Sustainable Jersey Status. The next meeting will take place Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7:00pm

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)
None

XII. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on September 10, 2019, at the Matawan Municipal Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Sanzo