#### Matawan Environmental Commission

### Meeting Minutes March 18, 2021 (Rescheduled from March 9, 2021)

The regular meeting of the Matawan Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:15pm on March 18, 2021 by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek.

### I. <u>Meeting Attendance</u>

a. Present

Commission MembersAssociate MembersDaniel Wieczorek (chair)Diane DoolittleGinny SanzoMichele DevannyMeredith ComiMalini GuhaAdam Fernandez

b. Absent Anthony Washington

Dan Carroll

Sharen LaPorta

John Lazar – Council Chair

c. Guests Millicent Rein

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

- a. Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2021 APPROVED
- b. Ginny to follow up with Borough of Matawan to ensure that agendas and minutes are posted on the Borough website

### III. Osprey Platform

- a. Installation cannot take place at this time due to the fact that there will be upcoming construction on Aberdeen Road within the next 6 months. A bald eagle could potentially occupy the platform in the meantime, thus jeopardizing the construction project
- b. Will look to attempt installation in 2022

### IV. NRI/Budget Status/Update

a. The Borough's first budget meeting will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup>. John will update the Commission at the next meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### V. Green Team

- a. Commission Members are currently collaborating on candidates for the Green Team
- b. Next step, draft invite letter to customize for each invitee

### VI. Community Clean-up

- a. Saturday, April 24, 2021 (no rain date available) 10:00am to 12:00pm
- b. More than likely, the starting point will be at Borough Hall, but that is yet to be finalized
- c. A flyer will be made for distribution and for digital posting
- d. Volunteers are encouraged to take photos

#### VII. <u>Community Garden</u>

a. No report

### VIII. Reports on Affiliate Organizations

- a. Matawan Town Council (John)
  - Plastic film recycling (See attachment at end of minutes)
    - Matawan has partnered with SC Johnson in a pilot program that recycles plastic film into roofing and decking material
    - o SC Johnson is reimbursing all costs of the town
    - Residents encouraged to pick up free recycling bin from Borough Hall during normal business hours
    - o Postcard has been mailed out to all Borough residents
    - o Pick up will be the first Tuesday of every month, beginning April 6, 2021
    - o A bin will be placed at the recycling center for plastic film recycling
  - Follow up on the gas motor boats on Lake Lefferts and leaking issue
    - Discussion of the enforcement of fining individuals who have gas/oil fluids leaking from their boats
  - Naming contest of the swans on Lake Lefferts to be sponsored by the Matawan Environmental Commission

### b. Planning Board (Sharen)

- No Report

### IX. Open Floor

- Discussion of the planting of milkweed seeds and encouraging the planting/growth of milkweed.
- Town wide yard sale on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Register your house for \$5 with the town by April 23 (*See attachment at end of minutes*)

### X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek. The next general meeting will be held virtually at 7:00pm on April 13, 2021.

Meeting Link: https://meet.google.com/yyu-gnat-azt

# Plastic Film Recycling Program Announcement for the Borough of Matawan

Beginning Tuesday, April 6, the Borough of Matawan will accept plastic bags, plastic film, and plastic wrap as a part of its residential curbside recycling program.

On the <u>first Tuesday of every month</u>, Matawan residents can recycle clean and dry plastic bags, plastic storage bags such as Ziploc® brand bags, dry cleaning bags, and other flexible plastic film by using the 'Plastic Film Only' recycling bin.

### 'Plastic Film' labeled recycling bins are available for free pick-up at:

Matawan Municipal Community Complex 201 Broad Street Matawan, NJ 07747



Put clean and dry plastic bags and plastic film inside a plastic bag.

### **Here's How to Participate:**



When it is about the size of a soccer ball, tie the top of the outer bag in a knot.



Put your bag of bags in your provided plastic film recycling bin.



Place your provided plastic film recycling bin next to your yard waste for curbside pick-up.

### Materials Accepted in Your 'Plastic Film Only' Bin



Bread bags



Grocery bags



Dry cleaning bags



Produce bags



Plastic newspaper wrapping



Food storage bags (including Ziploc®)



Plastic wraps (around multi-packs of drink bottles, paper towels, diapers, etc.)



Bubble wrap/air pillows (popped)



Plastic lining from cereal boxes



Plastic shipping envelopes (remove labeling)

### **Not Accepted Materials**

- Multi-layer film (chip bags, pet food bags, etc.)
- Aerosol cans
- Waxed paper containers
- Polystyrene or foam containers
- Paper towels and napkins
- Food soiled paper and cardboard
- Diapers
- Feminine products
- Biodegradable or compostable bags
- Pre-washed salad mix bags
- Candy wrappers

>> See flip side for plastic film curbside collection calendar



# Plastic Film Curbside Collection Calendar

First Tuesday of every month

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Thank you for doing your part to reduce plastic waste.



# Borough of Matawan Recreation Department

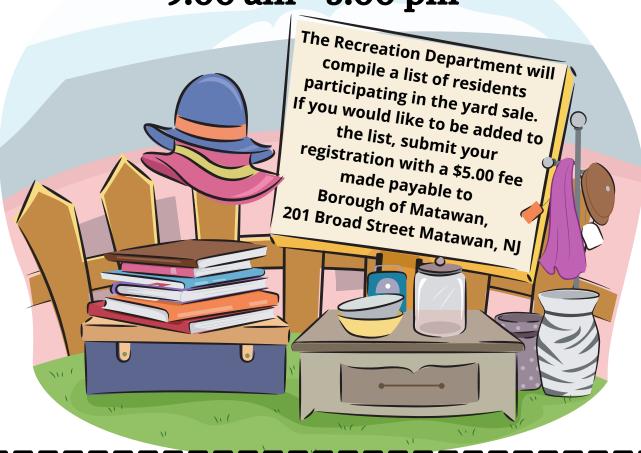
invites you to register for the

# TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Rain Date: Sunday, May 2, 2021

9:00 am - 5:00 pm



\_\_\_\_Yes, I would like to register for the Town-wide Yard Sale! Enclosed is my fee of \$5.00 made payable to Borough of Matawan

Name	 	 
Address		

# Deadline to register is Friday, 4/23

The Yard Sale List of Participants will be available to the public by 4/28 and will be posted on the Matawan Borough website, the Borough and Recreation Facebook pages, and Matawan Borough Instagram page.