

Matawan Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2022

Meeting Held Virtually

<https://meet.google.com/yyu-gnat-azt>

The regular meeting of the Matawan Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:14pm on November 8, 2022 by Commission Chair Daniel Wiczorek.

I. Meeting Attendance

a. Present

Commission Members

Daniel Wiczorek (chair)
Ginny Sanzo
Diane Doolittle
Anthony Washington
(Vacant Seat)

Associate Members

Michele Devanny
Sharen LaPorta

b. Absent

Meredith Comi
Malini Guha
Charles Ross – Council Chair

Dan Carroll
Charli Wiczorek – Student

c. Guests

None

II. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

a. Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2022 – Approved

III. Matawan Day – October 22, 2022 – REPORT

a. Didn't do own table, stayed with other town tables such as Shade Tree – objective was recruiting

IV. 2023 Commission Appointments

a. Proposed Four Commission Position Appointments (pending mayoral approval/appointment):

- Vacant Seat from Adam Fernandez, expiring 12/31/24
 - o Proposed and accepted by Sharen LaPorta fill this spot as she is on Planning Board
- Three Commission terms expiring 12/31/22:
 - o Dan Wiczorek – Proposed and accepted re-appointment – exp. 12/31/25
 - o Meredith Comi – Proposed and accepted re-appointment – exp. 12/31/25
 - o Anthony Washington – Proposed and accepted re-appointment – exp. 12/31/25

b. Five Associate Member terms expire 12/31/22:

- Michele Devanny – Proposed and accepted re-appointment – exp. 12/31/23
- Dan Carroll – Proposed and accepted re-appointment – exp. 12/31/23
- Charli Wiczorek (student) – Proposed and accepted re-appointment – exp. 12/31/23
- Vacant Seat
- Vacant Seat (student)

c. Discussion of Student Roles and Responsibilities

V. 2023 Meeting Proposed Meeting Calendar

a. Proposed 2023 Meeting Calendar – (virtual or in-person)

- Tuesday, January 10, 2023
- Tuesday, February 14, 2023 – PROPOSE WEDNESDAY, 15TH INSTEAD?
- Tuesday, March 14, 2023
- Tuesday, April 11, 2023
- Tuesday, May 9, 2023
- Tuesday, June 13, 2023
- Tuesday, July 11, 2023
- Tuesday, August 8, 2023 – NO AUGUST MEETINGS
- Add in first week of September for just Matawan Day focus (*ie* September 6th)
- Tuesday, September 12, 2023
- Tuesday, October 10, 2023
- Tuesday, November 14, 2023
- Tuesday, December 12, 2023

b. Discussion of moving Environmental Commission meeting to a different day, possibly second Thursday after Shade Tree meeting to build relationship and integration with Shade Tree

VI. 2023 Proposed Community Outreach/Events (Ginny/Meredith)

a. Ginny and Meredith scheduled to meet to firm up plans and ideas to present to the next meeting

VII. Community Garden (Ginny)

a. No Report

VIII. Logo (Dan)

a. No official report - continued progress

IX. Ongoing Discussions/Projects Updates

- a. NRI/Budget Status/Update (-) – No Report
- b. Energy Aggregation (Malini/Diane) – No Report
- c. Green Team – No Report

X. Reports on Affiliate Organizations

- a. Matawan Town Council (Charlie) – No Report
- b. Planning Board (Sharen) – update on Main Street projects and developments
- c. Additional Reports from Meetings/Newsletters:
 - Aberdeen Environmental Advisory Board – No Report
 - Monmouth County Environmental Council – No Report
 - ANJEC – No Report

XI. Open Floor

- a. Consider NextDoor App for recruiting – Michele will share Commission Facebook posts to NextDoor as they come
- b. Anthony - DEP Stormwater Ordinance – state is putting new tree maintenance rules in their municipal stormwater permits
- c. Michele - trees marked on Henry Hudson Trail - Shade Tree did not have any knowledge of these markings; how does communication about this transpire?

XII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm by Commission Chair Daniel Wiczorek.

The next general meeting will be held at 7:00pm on December 13, 2022 – TBD virtual or in-person
(If virtual - meeting link: <https://meet.google.com/yyu-gnat-azt>)

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Sanzo