

Matawan Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Matawan Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:14pm on January 8, 2019 by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek.

I. Meeting Attendance (8)

a. Present

Commission Members

Daniel Wieczorek (chair)
Deana Gunn (Council Chair)
Adam Fernandez
Ginny Sanzo
Anthony Washington

Associate Members

Malini Guha
Jim Tobias
Diane Doolittle

b. Absent

Larry McGee
Sharen LaPorta
Meredith Comi

Michele Devanny

c. Guests

None

II. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the December 12, 2018 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. Budgets are a work in progress, especially with our NRI request

g. Matawan Aberdeen Educational Foundation (Jim)

i. Completed grant process

ii. No environmental grants, but 2 were related to gardening for classrooms

iii. Suggested student attendance at our Commission meetings

iv. Discussion regarding status of Sustainable Jersey for Schools

- V. Reports on Special Events/Meetings Attended
 - a. None

- VI. Progress Reports on 2019 Priority Projects
 - a. Sustainable Jersey/Green Team
 - i. Resolution submitted to town for the Environmental Commission to be the Matawan agent for Sustainable Jersey – will be voted on January 15 Council Meeting
 - ii. Need a borough resolution to create a Green Team
 - iii. Need to establish a Green Team in order to qualify for certification
 - b. Natural Resource Inventory
 - i. Need to secure funding from town budget
 - ii. Secure proposals
 - iii. Determine course of action
 - c. Rain Garden
 - i. No Report

- VII. Progress on Continuous Projects/Interests (report as needed)
 - a. 2019 Spring Clean up (chair/committee) – N/R
 - 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) – N/R
 - f. Single Use Plastic Awareness/Education (Jim) – N/R
 - g. “The Independent” (Ginny) – N/R

- VIII. Unfinished Business
 - a. Finalized 2019 Commission Appointments
 - i. Deana will email
 - b. 2018 Annual Report
 - i. Adam will template and structure the report
 - ii. Division of contributors to the annual report

- IX. New Business

- X. Open Floor (General Discussions)
 - a. Discussion of ban of single use plastics; inquiries to local businesses

- XI. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on February 12, 2019, at the Matawan Municipal Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginny Sanzo