

Matawan Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2019

The regular meeting of the Matawan Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:00pm on May 14, 2019 by Commission Chair Daniel Wiczorek.

I. Meeting Attendance (8)

a. Present

Commission Members

Daniel Wiczorek (chair)

Meredith Comi

Adam Fernandez

Larry McGee

Sharen LaPorta

Deana Gunn (Council Chair)

Associate Members

Diane Doolittle

Michele Devanny

b. Absent

Ginny Sanzo

Anthony Washington

Malini Guha

Jim Tobias

c. Guests

Dan Carroll

II. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the March 13, 2019 Meeting approved as submitted

III. Guest Speaker – (None)

IV. Member and Guest Reports on Affiliate Organizations

a. Aberdeen Environmental Advisory Board (Dan)

i. Pesticide Free Holmdel discussion

b. Matawan Shade Tree (Larry)

i. Approval for left over trees to be planted at shooting range

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. Passed Green Team Resolution

ii. Fishing Derby coming up, Saturday, June 9th at Lake Lefferts

g. Matawan Aberdeen Educational Foundation (Jim)

i. No Report

V. Reports on Special Events/Meetings Attended

a. Memorial Day Parade coming up, Sunday, May 26th

VI. Progress Reports on 2019 Priority Projects

- a. Natural Resource Inventory (Adam)
 - i. Continuing progress

VII. Progress Reports on Continuous Projects/Interests (REPORT AS NEEDED)

- a. 2019 Spring Clean up (Meredith, Sharen, Anthony, Dan) – **Results Report**
 - i. Great turn out from community!
 - ii. Tonnage = 360lbs
- b. Signs Marking our Watershed (Meredith)
 - i. Project on hold
- c. Tree City USA Designation (Larry)
 - i. Matawan is a Tree City
- d. Single Use Plastic Awareness/Education (Jim)
 - i. General discussion of legislation
- e. “The Independent” (Ginny)
 - i. No report

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. ANJEC – Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions – May 18th - Ridgefield
 - i. <http://www.anjec.org/ConfWorkshops.htm>
- b. June 14th - Sustainable Jersey – Sustainability Summit and 10th Anniversary – Holmdel
 - i. <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eg34bra0495841a4&llr=e4svqyeab>

IX. New Business

- a. Sustainable Jersey/Green Team
 - i. Green Team Resolution submitted and passed
 - ii. Green Team is a sub-team of Environmental Commission
 - iii. Need to start actionable items!
 - iv. All Commission members to have login on Sustainable NJ website to begin working toward point accumulations, etc.

X. Other Projects (if time)

- a. Rain Garden (chair/committee?) – No Report
- b. Lefferts Waterfront Cleanup/Expansion/Nature Trail (Dan/Sharen) – No Report
- c. Community Garden (Dan, Jim, Larry, Anthony) – No Report

XI. Open Floor (General Discussions)

No Report

XII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on June 11, 2019, at the Matawan Municipal Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharen LaPorta for Ginny Sanzo