

## Matawan Environmental Commission

### Meeting Minutes February 3, 2020

The regular meeting of the Matawan Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:15pm on February 3, 2020 by Ginny Sanzo for Commission Chair Daniel Wiczorek.

#### I. Meeting Attendance

##### a. Present

##### Commission Members

Daniel Wiczorek (chair)

Ginny Sanzo

Meredith Comi

Malini Guha

Sharen LaPorta

*John Lazar – Council Chair*

*Deana Gunn – Outgoing Council Chair*

##### Associate Members

Diane Doolittle

Michele Devanny

##### b. Absent

Anthony Washington

Adam Fernandez

##### c. Guests

Paul Rinear

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

Minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting approved

#### III. Review of 2020 Appointment Proposals and Ratification

##### a. Recap of 12/31/2019 Term Expirations:

1. Dan Wiczorek (Commission Member)
2. Meredith Comi (Commission Member)
3. Anthony Washington (Commission Member)
4. Malini Guha (Associate Member)
5. Michele Devanny (Associate Member)
6. Diane Doolittle (Associate Member)

##### b. Recap of 12/31/2020 Vacancy:

1. Larry Magee (Commission Member)

##### c. COMMISSION MEMBER PROPOSALS:

1. Reappointment to Commission for 3 year term expiring 12/31/2022:
  - Dan Wiczorek
  - Meredith Comi
  - Anthony Washington
2. Appointment to Commission for 1 year vacancy expiring 12/31/2020:
  - Malini Guha

##### d. ASSOCIATE MEMBER PROPOSALS – 1 year term expiring 12/31/2020:

1. Diane Doolittle
2. Michele Devanny
3. Three additional open positions – to be considered and appointed by the Commission Members

IV. 2019 Recap

- a. Annual Report
  - i. Will record our spring clean-up, Sustainable Jersey and Green Team resolutions, agendas and minutes
- b. FYI – 6 official meetings held in 2019 with approved minutes
  - i. Discussion of 2020 calendar – FYI Matawan Day tentatively scheduled for Saturday, 10/3/2020
  - ii. Meeting attendance – consideration that appointed and associate members attend a minimum of 6 meetings – this requirement will be tabled for the time being
  - iii. For 2020 and forward, if less than 4 appointed Commission Members appear for a scheduled meeting, then Associate Member(s) may stand in so that the meeting may have a quorum and move forward

V. Progress Reports on 2020 Priority Projects

- a. Natural Resource Inventory – 2019 funding was swept back into the General Budget – advise to work on Sustainable Jersey, then apply for grants for NRI – 2020 funding from Matawan for the NRI is not high priority this year. John Lazar going to follow up to clarify and confirm which year the NRI allotment was for
- b. Sustainable Jersey – try get to bronze this year – deadline May 17<sup>th</sup>
- c. Spring Clean up
  - i. Date set for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – 10-1 – further details to follow
  - ii. Committee – Meredith – chair and will delegate/request assistance from commission members
  - iii. Shade Tree also having Arbor Day event on the 25<sup>th</sup> – possible combined event?
  - iv. This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day!

VI. Reports on Affiliate Organizations

- a. Matawan Town Council (John)
  - i. Looking at places to put a dog park in town – maybe Freneau T-Ball field behind the firehouse
- b. Planning Board (Sharen)
  - i. Nothing to report at this time

VII. Special Events/Meetings - Upcoming and/or Attended

- Sustainable Jersey Webinars coming up and are free for Commission Members and Associate Members to check out!

VIII. Open Floor

- Guest Paul Rinear shared with the Commission that Aberdeen is working on 2 ordinances regarding plastic bag bans – considerations include charging consumers for single use bags as part of a transition time, as well as emphasizing consumers bringing their own/purchasing reusable bags
- Review discussion of Burrowes-Forman Path – John will advise as he hears more from Historic Sites

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm by Commission Chair Daniel Wiczorek. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on March 10, 2020, at the Matawan Municipal Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Sanzo