

Matawan Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2021

The regular meeting of the Matawan Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:14pm on April 13, 2021 by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek.

I. Meeting Attendance

a. Present

Commission Members

Daniel Wieczorek (chair)
Ginny Sanzo
Meredith Comi
Malini Guha
Adam Fernandez
John Lazar – Council Chair

Associate Members

Diane Doolittle

b. Absent

Anthony Washington
Sharen LaPorta

Michele Devanny
Dan Carroll

c. Guests

Matt Schoffel (from Shade Tree)

II. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

a. Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2021 – MSP

b. Update on Ginny's follow up with Borough of Matawan to ensure that agendas and minutes are posted on the Borough website: Progress has been made with 2020 postings

III. NRI/Budget Status/Update

a. Update from the Borough's first budget meeting held on March 25th:

- Still in the process of finalizing the budget
- Mayor and Council agree that the NRI is a great initiative – however the Mayor and Council want to see more work on assembling and utilizing the Green Team, which is a fair compromise

IV. Green Team

a. Commission Members are currently collaborating on candidates for the Green Team

b. Progress on hold due to focus on the clean-up

V. Community Clean-up

a. Saturday, April 24, 2021 (no rain date available) 10:00am to 12:00pm

- Shade Tree hosting a tree dedication and tree giveaway at Terhune Park at 12:15pm

b. Starting points at Lake Lefferts and possibly former Quik Chek, Borough Hall finish point

c. Route maps will be available

d. Meredith coordinating volunteers

VI. Community Garden

a. Report: A garden is in process at the Burrowes Mansion through the Historical Society

b. Environmental Commission is able to provide over 50 vegetable plants, donation date TBD

VII. Reports on Affiliate Organizations

a. Matawan Town Council (John)

- Budget is currently a work in progress
- Matawan is considering doing the fireworks this year, maybe in a limited capacity
- Discussion of zoning issue on Spring Street

b. Planning Board (Sharen)

- No Report

VIII. Open Floor

- Matt from Shade Tree discussed the the offering of trees at the end of the cleanup on Saturday the 24th

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek. The next general meeting will be held virtually at 7:00pm on May 11, 2021.

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