

Matawan Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2021

Meeting Re-Scheduled from September 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Matawan Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:07pm on September 16, 2021 by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek.

I. Meeting Attendance

a. Present

Commission Members

Daniel Wieczorek (chair)

Ginny Sanzo

Anthony Washington

Meredith Comi

Malini Guha

John Lazar – Council Chair

Associate Members

Michele Devanny

Diane Doolittle

b. Absent

Adam Fernandez

Sharen LaPorta

Dan Carroll

c. Guests

II. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

a. Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2021 - Approved

III. NRI/Budget Status/Update (AKA ERI – Environmental Resource Inventory)

a. On hold this meeting

IV. Energy Aggregation

a. On hold this meeting

V. Storm Water Ordinance

a. On hold this meeting

VI. Single Use Plastics

a. On hold this meeting

VII. Community Garden

a. On hold this meeting

VIII. Membership and Attendance

a. Update of current terms and expirations

- 2021 term expirations:

o Sharen LaPorta

o Adam Fernandez

o Ginny Sanzo

o Associate Members:

1. Michele Devanny

2. Diane Doolittle

3. Dan Carroll
4. Potential student position?
5. Potential student position?

IX. Green Team

- a. On hold this meeting

X. Reports on Affiliate Organizations

- a. Matawan Town Council (John)
 - Church property – currently not selling to the town
- b. Planning Board (Sharen)
 - Nothing new to report from Planning/Zoning
- c. Additional Reports from Meetings/Newsletters:
 - Aberdeen Environmental Advisory Board – no report
 - Monmouth County Environmental Council – no report
 - ANJEC – no report

XI. Upcoming Events

- a. Lake Lefferts Kayak Cleanup – Saturday, September 18th – 9:00am-11:00am
 - Picking up trash off of surface and shores of the lake, using kayaks, canoes or stand-up paddleboards
 - Dan Carroll, owner of “Canoe to You” is generously donating the use of his kayaks for our volunteers that day (2 canoes, 5 tandem kayaks and life vests)
 - Residents are encouraged to bring their own non-motorized water craft to assist
 - Life vests required for all participants
 - Residents who do not wish to be out on the water are welcome to stay on the shore and help clean the banks of Lake Lefferts and the surrounding area
 - Dan Carroll and John Lazar will start at 9:00am with an overview for everyone, divide into 2 groups (water group and land group), hand out PPE, grabbers and 2 bags per person (one for recyclables and the other for trash)
- b. Matawan Day – Saturday, October 2nd – 12:00pm-5:00pm
 - Rain date, Sunday October 3rd
 - Environmental Commission/Shade Tree share a table
 - Anthony will communicate with Jake Applegate (DPW) for handouts re: Stormwater Management
 - Volunteers needed for that day
 - John Lazar will communicate with town/Chamber to ensure we are registered to have a spot
 - Ray Stuetz from Shade Tree will provide a table and a tent for some shade
 - Dan going to work on ordering shirts for Environmental Commission Members from Panther Press
- c. Take a Plant, Leaf a Plant Event
 - Commission will do at Matawan Day – 11:30am to 12:00pm
 - Will Advertise on Facebook prior to Matawan Day
 - May have approximately 2 dozen plants to provide for a swap

XII. Open Floor

- o Discussion to possibly change date/time of our monthly meeting to minimize re-scheduling

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm by Commission Chair Daniel Wiczorek. The next general meeting will be held VIRTUALLY at 7:00pm on October 12, 2021.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Sanzo