

Matawan Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2021

The regular meeting of the Matawan Environmental Commission was called to order at pm on 7:06pm May 11, 2021 by Commission Chair Daniel Wieczorek.

I. Meeting Attendance

a. Present

Commission Members

Daniel Wieczorek (chair)
Ginny Sanzo
Adam Fernandez
John Lazar – Council Chair

Associate Members

Diane Doolittle
Michele Devanny
Dan Carroll

b. Absent

Meredith Comi
Malini Guha
Anthony Washington
Sharen LaPorta

c. Guests

None

II. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

a. Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2021 - MSP

III. NRI/Budget Status/Update

a. On hold until Green Team is fully developed

IV. Green Team

- a. Commission Members are currently collaborating on candidates for the Green Team
- b. Progress was on hold due to focus on the clean-up

V. Community Clean-up

- a. Report: 844 tonnage, previous years averaged 580
- b. Meredith will report at next meeting
- c. Discussion of the 2 starting points – pros/cons

VI. Community Garden

- a. Further discussion as to what type (beautifying or produce garden) as well as location
- b. Would like to take a visit to other community gardens to further vet ideas/concepts
- c. The Environmental Commission grew, donated and helped plant about 50 plants, including tomatoes, peppers, peas, string beans and basil for the “Historical Garden” located behind the Burrowes Mansion
- d. Plantings completed on Thursday, May 6 by Dan Wieczorek and Ginny Sanzo of the Environmental Commission, as well as Guy Buckel of the Shade Tree Commission and Ray Stuetz of the Historic Sites Commission
- e. On behalf of the Environmental Commission, Dan Wieczorek also grew and donated over 200 additional plants to Matawan residents

VII. Reports on Affiliate Organizations

a. Matawan Town Council (John):

- Sustainable Jersey EDF Climate Corp Program
- Mayor and Council passed a resolution supporting the program
- Free energy audit for the Borough as well as numerous energy benefits

b. Planning Board (Sharen)

- No Report

VIII. Open Floor

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm by Commission Chair Daniel Wiczorek. The next general meeting will be held virtually at 7:00pm on June 8, 2021.

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