

WTEAC Minutes

March 28, 2019



Meeting opened under the Sunshine Law at 7:07 p.m.

Attendance (Roll Call) by Chair Wilma Morrissey

Present: Chairperson Wilma Morrissey, Vice Chair Bob Kilmurray, and Hance Sitkus

Absent: Ellen Smith, Scott Burke, John Ozell, Joe Balesterri, Greg Wolek and Township Committeeman Tim Farrell

Due to a lack of members attending, there was no quorum. Therefore, the minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

✓	<p><u>The 9-11 Memorial Interpretive Sign Application</u> is waiting for Sustainable Jersey's Grant approval. If not awarded, the WTEAC will submit a 9-11 Memorial Interpretation to ANJEC. The WTEAC will then have two applications under consideration by ANJEC. The Wreck Pond Open Space Application (Picnic Tables) project was submitted before the due date of April 15. ANJEC will notify successful grantees by May 10th</p>
✓	<p><u>Generic ribbons were ordered for the Poster, Poetry, and Essay Competitions in 2019.</u> Bob Kilmurray will deliver the essays and poetry entries to each member once Wilma picks them up from the high school and intermediate schools and prepares rating sheets.</p>
✓	<p>Regarding the <u>Environmental HS Club Consumer Awareness Letter Writing Campaign Project</u>, the Chair will discuss this with Josh at a later date since he has been busy with the Essay and Poetry entries as well as his own activities.</p>
✓	<p>Wall Township is due for recertification in 2020. We discussed <u>Sustainable Jersey projects for credit for recertification</u> Those members present were looking for the lead time needed for points next year. Some projects need to wait until June as there may be a 12 month lead in. Bob K. will look to see if our former projects for certification can be done now or when each project can be started.</p>
✓	<p><u>DEP sent a fact sheet providing 60,000 free tree seedlings for distribution.</u> Members present decided against distributing the free tree seedlings due to an increased number of projects pending. However, it was suggested that Public Works and/or the Business Administration office be notified. DEP Division of Parks and Forestry is providing these free tree seedlings for residents through the NJ Tree Recovery Campaign which is an ongoing effort of the NJ Forest Service, the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation and other partners beginning on March 30.</p>
✓	<p><u>Robert C. Fischer picked up the essays from the Intermediate School on the Water Treatment Process.</u> The Chair will do a follow up on the number of essays submitted and ask if the content synchronized with Mr. Fisher's presentation.</p>

✓	<u>Bob K discussed the Site Plans and Legal Notifications.</u>
✓	Memo from Anne-Marie Peracchio provided the WTEAC with ideas for our workshop. NJ Natural Gas Company suggested <u>Going Green: Save Money/ Energy Savings Tips as a good segment for the WTEAC Seminar in 2019</u> , However, this was tabled for now due to impending projects.
✓	There is an opportunity for <u>Free Technical Assistance to Wall Township on Energy Initiatives</u> in the summer if Wall Township applies and is accepted as Wall Township is registered as a Sustainable Jersey municipality in NJ and in the NJ Natural Gas service area. The EDF fellow would provide expertise and support to help with energy audits and identify facility and equipment upgrades that can save energy and money. They can help in other energy related projects.
✓	<u>Opposition by environmentalists are against Transco-NESE under Raritan & Lower NY Bay.</u> It seems clear that this pipeline will have a definite impact on our Bayshore area, the water quality in the Raritan, and also-- thanks to tide and storm actions -- this could easily extend into Sandy Hook Bay and the Shrewsbury and Navesink Rivers as well. In addition it will undoubtedly have some impact on commercial and recreational fishing, possibly real estate values along the shoreline, the ferry services into NYC and more. Members are urged to read their handouts.
✓	Ingrid's Newsletters: Drugs are Polluting Our Water and Earth Friendly Gardens are always appreciated as our Committee enjoys her tips.
✓	Amanda Brockwell's memo included information on DEP's free <u>Recycle Coach App</u> which is making Recycling Easier than Ever in NJ. She suggested sharing this info with students at our Poster Awards Ceremony. This would also be a good social media post.
✓	<u>ELCON is largest hazardous waste incinerator in the world using a new, untested technology.</u> For several years, ELCON has been trying to get permission to build this plant just north of Philadelphia in Falls, PA. This would end up sweeping the toxic air releases across central NJ and Monmouth County, given prevailing wind patterns from the southwest. Members need to educate themselves on this issue. Read the LWV response opposition letter in your packet.
✓	<u>Trophy Park is a massive sports complex</u> planned to be built on 200 acres of Great Adventure/Six Flags property in the Pinelands forest of Jackson Township on the southern shore of Prospertown Lake, and would extend west to Hawkin Road. The plans call for clear cutting thousands of trees in order to construct a 6,000 seat soccer stadium, two 98-room hotels, a dormitory and temporary housing for 2,000 players per week, 23 full size athletic fields, a 400,000 sq ft indoor sports facility, an 800-seat dining hall and on-site restaurants and concessions. This second development will pose further detrimental effects to the quality of life for residents in the surrounding towns due to extreme traffic congestion and grid lock and will cause severe effects to Prospertown Lake, the Pinelands and the numerous threatened and endangered species that inhabit the forest. Members need to familiarize themselves on the environmental effects of this project.

✓	Reminder: Wall Township Community Cleanup Day, Sat., May 11 fr9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Outside Volunteers needed. Spread the Word
✓	Reminder: Saturday, March 30, 2019 -- Earth Hour

Dates to Remember:

- ✓ 5/29/19 Monmouth County Environmental Council Seminar on Ticks – details to follow.
- ✓ Saturday, March 30, 2019, Earth Hour at 8:30 p.m. Turn off your lights for one hour if safety prevails.
- ✓ Arbor Day Assisted Living Event, Saturday Morning, April 27
- ✓ Wall Township Clean-up Day, May 11
- ✓ The Poetry Awards Ceremony, Wednesday 9:30 a.m. May 15 at the Intermediate School
- ✓ The Essay Awards Ceremony, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. May 15 at Wall High School
- ✓ The Poster Awards Ceremony, Sunday, 12:30 p.m. May 19 at Town Hall
- ✓ The Wall Fair and Barnegat Bay Blitz Friday June 7 or Saturday June 8

Handout Packet:

- ✓ Agenda, Minutes, Site Plans & Notifications.
- ✓ Ingrid Justick “How Drugs Are Polluting Our Water” and “Earth Friendly Gardening” bulletins
- ✓ DEP 60,000 Free Tree Seedlings for Distribution Fact Sheet.
- ✓ Louise Usechak, President & Natural Resources Chair of the League of Women Voters of Monmouth County info and resources on ELCON Recycling Services which is the largest hazardous waste incinerator in the world. The League of Women Voters comments on Elcon Site Permit were also included.
- ✓ Opportunity for Free Technical Assistance on Energy Initiatives – Summer 2019.
- ✓ Louise Usechak forwarded a Composite of Taking Points in Opposing Transco-NESE and/or Raritan & Lower NY Bay.
- ✓ NJ Natural Gas emails: *Re: New Energy Saving Program for a WTEAC Workshop.*
- ✓ Copy of the Wreck Pond Open Space Nature Preserve Picnicking Recreational Program application.
- ✓ Amanda Brockwell’s info on the DEP’s Recycle Coach App which is making Recycling Easier than Ever in NJ.

Adjournment- 8:30 p.m.

Prepared by Chair Wilma Morrissey