

WTEAC Minutes June 18, 2020

Teleconference Meeting opened under the Sunshine Law at 7:14 p.m.

Attendance (Roll Call) by Secretary Ellen Smith

Present: Chairperson Wilma Morrissey, Vice Chair Bob Kilmurray, Secretary Ellen Smith, John Ozell, Hance Sitkus, Scott Burke and Joe Balesterri.

Absent: Township Committeeman Tim Farrell, and Greg Wolek.

Motion for May Minutes. Motion: John Ozell 2nd: Bob Kilmurray

Nominate Vice Chair and Plan Site Coordinator - Hance Sitkus nominated John Ozell for Vice Chair and Plan Site Coordinator and seconded by Bob Kilmurray. The committee unanimously agreed. Congratulations to John Ozell as our new Vice Chair and Plan Site Coordinator!

Allaire State Park – Hance Sitkus gave a tribute to Arthur Brisbane and told us about the Historic Brisbane Fire. Arthur Brisbane was one of the best known newspaper editors and highest paid journalists in the world. He bought the Howell Works/Allaire Village property in 1907 and built a mansion on the lake. Brisbane brought the silent film industry to the Village for movie making. He worked to preserve the Allaire Village and after his death, it became a state park. Hance confirmed that the Wikipedia article is accurate:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthur_Brisbane

The mansion fire led to the entire building being demolished. Allaire State Park would like it to go back to it's natural state of forest.

Position Paper on Open Space – Hance sitkus and Possibly Greg Wolek will form a sub-committee to see what is available for the Open Spaces program in Wall Township.

Sustainable Jersey - We were ahead of the June 14 Deadline for submitting 1st Recertification projects. Bob Kilmurray estimates that we have about 200 points. 150 points are required. Actions are attached.

Wall Township Living article. This month's article from the WTEAC was about what goes into the Recycle Bin and what doesn't. Next month we would like to highlight the Nature Trail. Wilma met with the Sustainable Jersey Hub group and her articles in the local magazine are being used as a "Basecamp" for other towns to emulate.

Site plans - The WTEAC reviewed the Jersey Shore Moving application. The following items should be considered: Robert Kilmurray 5/28/20 The proposed Site Plan lacks a Landscaping Plan. Specifically the eastern border with Shore Acres Residential Trailer Homes needs to have a landscaping buffer to compliment the new modular retaining wall. On the western border with Landau Properties and the removal of at least three (3) pine trees needs to have a landscaping buffer. Finally the expansion of the existing retention basin needs to have a landscaping design.

Old Business - Wilma Morrissey had e-mailed Recreation Director Liz Cellini regarding a suggestion for more trash cans, benches and signage on the bike trail. The Dept. of Public Works (DPW) is extremely busy and short handed, but it was passed along to them.

New Business - Sustainable Jersey has a grant for \$2,000.00 available so we should think about what projects we might get involved in.

The West Belmar School received a \$10,000.00 grant: **Lettuce Hook You on Sustainability:** The district will purchase an aquaponics garden system that will act as a hands-on STEAM-based teaching tool in the classroom. In addition to the STEAM curriculum, students will learn about healthy food and hold a farmers market or donate the produce grown to the community.

Members are encouraged to nominate businesses for the Business Recognition Program.

The WTEAC is grateful to Loretta and Tom Cooper for weeding the entire Allenwood Native Garden. They have suggested a bird bath be installed. Members of the WTEAC are concerned about the risk of mosquitoes breeding in the water. Wilma Morrissey will contact DPW to find out when they will be turning on the sprinklers again.

NESE denied - Both NJ and NY denied permits on May 15 for the proposed Northeast Supply Enhancement (NESE) pipeline project. NESE is a pipeline project proposed to deliver increased natural gas capacity to areas of New York City by constructing additional pipeline loops in Middlesex and Somerset Counties, a compressor station in Franklin Township, and a new pipeline segment between NJ and NY across the Raritan Bay. DEP reporting from New York indicated that the energy needs proposed to be served by this project could be met through existing infrastructure, energy efficiency, and other means.

WTEAC Members had a sendoff for Bob Kilmurray at his last meeting. Bob has moved out of town. We will miss his expertise as well as unwavering dedication to the environment. Besides being the Vice-Chair of the committee and a member of the Wall Twp. Green Team, Bob also did the site plans for the WTEAC and was very involved with the Sustainable Jersey Certification project. All the members thank Bob for his role on the committee. Wilma Morrissey sent a letter to Bob, which he read to the committee. Our committee will present Bob with a certificate when we can all meet in person.

Adjournment- 8:33PM Motion Hance Sitkus 2nd Scott Burke

Attachments - CITIZEN VICTORY: NY & NJ Deny All NESE Permits! Clean Ocean Action

-Copy of E-mail to Liz Cellini, Recreation Director as well as her reply regarding trash cans, benches and signage on the bike path.

-Certificate of Recognition for Bob Kilmurray

-E-mail to Loretta Cooper thanking her for the Native Garden Maintenance and photos she sent of her work in the garden

-Completed Sustainable Jersey Actions

-E-mail to West Belmar School congratulating them on their Aquaponics Grant , as well as the reply (below)

To aabeal

Congratulations, Anthony, on receiving the \$10,000 aquaponics grant. The grant was extremely well written, and this is indeed a worthy project. Our Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee wishes you our absolute best in this endeavor.

Stay safe,
Wilma Morrissey,
WTEAC Chair

Recipients of \$10,000 Sustainable Jersey for Schools Project Grants

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Re: Congratulations

[Anthony Abeal](mailto:aabeal@wall.k12.nj.us)<aabeal@wall.k12.nj.us>

6/19/20 9:05 am

To [Morrissey](#)

Good morning Mrs. Morrissey,

Thank you for your continued support of our schools! We are honored to be one of the recipients of the PSEG \$10,000.00 grants! We look forward to the Wall Township Advisory Committee to participate in the project. It will certainly have a huge impact on our students, the teachers, our schools and the community! When the system is up and running I will invite you and the committee over to see how it works.

I appreciate your continued support and look forward to more projects that promote environmentally friendly projects for Wall Township!

Most sincerely,

Anthony

Anthony Abeal Principal West Belmar School

WTEAC Environmental Committee
Application Deadline Changed to Sunday, June 14

Presently, the WTEAC has the one mandatory action, the two priority actions, 8 categories and the points required. Each action will be approved or not approved. However, we have gone beyond the 150 points so the Environmental Committee will submit the application before the June 14 date. We expect to be re-certified in 2020 thanks to the Environmental Committee.

Projects Completed: wjm (**Environmental Committee**)

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| 1. Create a Green Team (Mandatory) | 10 |
| 2. Community Education and Outreach: Poster, Poetry, and Essay | 20 |
| 3. Innovative Community Project 1 Wreck Pond | 10 |
| 4. Innovative Community Project 2 Nature Trail | 10 |
| 5. Innovation Community Project 3 Arbor Day Program | 10 |
| 6. Environmental Commission | 10 |
| 7. Water Conservation Education Program | 10 |
| 8. Green Business Recognition Program (Priority) | 10 |
| 9. Buy Fresh Buy Local | 10 |
| 10. Community Gardens | 10 |
| 11. Environmental Commission Site Plan Review | 10 |
| 12. Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal (Priority) | 10 |
| 13. Community Paper Shredding Day | 5 |
| 14. Recycling Depot | 10 |
| 15. Hold a Green Fair | 10 |
| 16. "Green" Your Green Fair | 10 |

Projects Completed: bk (**Environmental Committee**)

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| 1. Anti-Idling & Enforcement Program | 10 |
| 2. Smoke Free & Tobacco Free Public Places | 10 |
| 3. Reusable Bag Education Program | 5 |
| 4. Improve Public Engagement in Municipal Government | 15 |
| 5. Brownfields Reuse Planning | 15 |

Projects Completed: cw (**Land Use**)

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| 1. Improve Public Engagement in Planning and Zoning | 15 |
| 2. Digitizing Public Information | 10 |
| 3. Open Space Plans (Changed from Expired to Complete) | 10 |

Projects Pending: cw -- Open Space and Recreation Plan

Application submitted June 6, 2020