

WTEAC Minutes September 19, 2019

Meeting opened under the Sunshine Law at 7:08 p.m.

Attendance (Roll Call) by Secretary Ellen Smith

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

Absent: Township Committeeman Tim Farrell, Hance Sitkus, Scott Burke and Greg Wolek.

Motion for August Minutes. Motion: Joe 2nd: Bob

Wilma suggested that we purchase a WTEAC tablecloth with our logo as well as Clean Communities logo on it. It would be used for tables at the Wall Fair and Kid's Day America. All present were in agreement to pursue the purchase.

Bob let us know that our WTEAC shirts have been ordered. They will be forest green golf shirts.

Bob Fisher, Executive Director, Bayshore Regional Sewerage Authority, e-mailed Wilma to track down two winners from the essay contest. He will make another water presentation at the Wall Intermediate School.

On Oct. 29th at 6PM, Wilma will attend the Monmouth County Environmental Council Roundtable. At the Reducing Plastic Pollution table she plans to have reusable Clean Community bags as well as recycling postcards and the new WTEAC brochure "Facts on Single Plastic Bags-Choose Reusable Bags." In Wall Twp. Aldi's charges for **bags**. Plastic, paper and reusable are available for purchase at the checkout ranging from \$0.08 up to \$1.99. Bring your own **bag** at Whole Foods, and you can get up to 10 cents off per reusable **bag**.

We are inviting a representative from Whole Foods to speak at our October meeting. Public Works Director Joe Lentini will also be invited to the meeting.

Sustainable Jersey recertification will be in June 2020. Nora Coyne will complete two actions: Open Space Plans and Improve Public Engagement in Planning & Zoning. Ellen will complete Hold A Green Fair and Green Your Green Fair. Bob is considering Smoke Free Zones, Anti-Idling, the lights in the Municipal Building. John will look into Municipal Communications Strategy. Community Asset Mapping was also suggested. All members will consider which actions to complete.

Brisbane Dam is still not completed so the WTEAC would like to ask Freeholder Director Tom Arnone to look into the progress. Last we heard, they were waiting for a start notice back in 2016. We would like to get multiple agencies involved to help move progress along.

Wilma suggested a "Viewshed Corridor" along Route 34. The buildings would be set back a certain amount, with campus style parking and a conservation easement. Joe will look into the current zoning rules already in place, and make recommendations from there. We need to come up with nominations for Businesses for Green Awards.

Bob will check the nature Trail so see what condition it is in. We'd like to promote the trail in The Coast Star. The High School Environmental Club will work in the Allenwood Native Garden once construction is done at the intersection.

Kid's Day America is Saturday September 28th. Bob and Wilma will be there for set-up. Ellen and John will also attend. Joe will send his family as his representative. We will have The Enviroscope as well as reusable "swag bags" and t-shirts from Clean Communities. And Wall Township Brochures.

Hand-outs: S-2776 that prohibits carryout bags made of plastic film, polystyrene foam food service products, and single-use plastic straws; and asses fee on paper carryout bags.

Our Environment: Preparing Our Gardens for the Next season by Ingrid Justick

A Decade of Impact: Green Team Video Info

Greent tips from WWF

Viewshed Corridor info

Adjournment- 8:43PM Motion John 2nd Joe

Prepared by Ellen Smith