

WTEAC Minutes October 15, 2020

Meeting opened under the Sunshine Law at 7:43 p.m.

Attendance (Roll Call) by Secretary Ellen Smith

Present: Chairperson Wilma Morrissey, Vice Chair John Ozell, Secretary Ellen Smith and Township Committeeman Tim Farrell

Absent: Hance Sitkus, Scott Burke, Joe Balesterri and Greg Wolek.

Motion for September Minutes. Motion: John Ozell 2nd: Wilma Morrissey

Photo Contest (winter and spring environmental photos) - We would like to run the contest starting January first through the winter and spring seasons. Wilma is creating the flyer. John Ozell will create an email for photos to be submitted. Perhaps prizes can be gift passes for Allaire Village, in various increments. The prizes have not yet been determined.

Wall Township Living - Wilma Morrissey submitted articles to Wall Township Living on the ANJEC Achievement Award and the Plastic Pollution Reduction Act Update.

Open Space Position Paper - tabled until next month

Congratulations! Sustainable Jersey Recertification - Wall has achieved a Bronze certification. There is the option to re-apply for silver status in November, but the WTEAC/Green Team will not do so.

Resident on Environmental Stewardship and Letter Writing Campaign - A member of the public sent an email encouraging a letter writing campaign to companies to ask that they replace their plastic packaging and tell them in no uncertain terms that we need to preserve our environment and that plastic is a growing problem. The Wall H.S. Environmental Club is in a better position to peruse this project.

Environmental Council Webinars October 27 and October 29 (Native Species) - This October, the Monmouth County Environmental Council (MCEC) is holding a webinar roundtable series focused on Nature's Friends and Foes: Native Plants and Invasive Plants and Critters.

Session 1 Tuesday, October 27, 7 to 8 p.m.

Tune in to learn about how you can be a steward of the environment right from your own Jersey Friendly Yard by planting native plants and using water and soil wisely. Learn how to be vigilant against invasive insects like the Spotted Lanternfly and Emerald Ash Beetle.

Session 2 Thursday, October 29, 7 to 8 p.m.

Learn about a pesky aquatic invasive plant, hydrilla, how it is being controlled in the Manasquan Reservoir and how we can be a part of keeping water ecosystems healthy. Learn how the Monmouth County Park System tackles invasive plants to restore the land.

These events are FREE and open to the public! Contact Amber.Mallm@co.monmouth.nj.us. for further info.

Site Plans and Legal Notifications - 2345 NJ-34, John Ozell is concerned that the proposed site improvements may impact water run off to neighboring properties, specifically considering the improvements will add impervious surfaces such as a building and parking lot. He recommends confirmation that all water runoff/drainage systems will be sufficient to handle excessive rainwater without any detrimental impact to neighboring properties.

1630 Wycoff Rd, John Ozell reports the proposed site is on a heavily utilized tract of land. There are no notable environmental concerns regarding the project's impact.

4150 Dunroamin Rd, John Ozell notes the bifurcated variance has no additional impacts on the environment.

Green Business Recognition Program – Members requested to submit business applications for 2020 on-line.

Old Business, New Business - Township Committeeman Tim Farrel imparted that the USA has exceeded what was required by the Paris Accord for pollutants in the air. On the other hand, China still has 30 years to comply with reducing pollution. Wilma will email an article about the US exporting coal to China.

Attachments - ANJEC Congratulatory email, photos of the Wall Township Living articles for ANJEC, Writing To Influence email, Monmouth County Environmental Council October Calendar, Sustainable Jersey resubmission email, California to Ban Gas -powered Cars Via Order by 2035, "Super-Enzyme" Speeds Up Breakdown of Plastics, Researchers say, EPA News Release: EPA Takes Action to Protect Public from Coronavirus Protection Scam.

Adjournment - 8:50PM Motion: John Ozell 2nd: Tim Farrel