

WTEAC Minutes October 20, 2022

Meeting opened at 7:06 p.m.

Attendance (Roll Call) by Chair Amanda Brockwell

Present: Chair Amanda Brockwell, Secretary Ellen Smith, Hance Sitkus, Joe Balesterri, Scott Burke, Mike Gorny and David Roberts

Absent: Township Committee Liaison Tim Farrell, Vice Chair Jim Kenny and Diane Beyer.

September minutes approval motion David Roberts 2nd Ellen Smith

For the good of the order – Call for additional agenda items to be added by committee members.

Site plans - Amanda Brockwell spoke to Zoning Board Planner Scott D Taylor, P.P., AICP, LLA, LEED AP of *Taylor Design Group*. Scott Taylor has a native plant list and recommends many native plants that are easily maintained. Tall shade trees are discouraged by the fire dept. We would like to find a safe way to add shade trees to the community. We would also like to maintain what has already been planted.

Light pollution affects migrating birds and is another factor to consider.

Plastic Film Recycling Program – Progress update – Jim Kenny set up a meeting with Nextrex and the DPW. Wall would need to rent or buy a bailer and have a central drop off location to store the plastic film. The 2 recycling centers can accommodate the storage.

Mazza of Tinto Falls also accepts plastic film. Plastic film includes dry cleaning bags, zip locks, bread bags and vegetable bags. 1,2,5 & 7 plastics are also accepted there, after being cleaned.

Education Partnerships and Planning – Amanda Brockwell & David Roberts met with Josh Tennant; Wall High school teacher on the High School Green Team for Sustainable Jersey Schools. David Roberts will be the WTEAC liaison to the Wall High school Green Team. An alternate is also needed. David attended a workshop at TCNJ about designing hands on k-8 lessons. We'd like to build around Earth Day. An Earth month challenge in April, with grants for the winning schools. Pairing with Clean Ocean Action or Barnegat Bay Partnership is an option.

Old Business: Kid's Day America on September 25th was a success. Ellen Smith covered the WTEAC table. The Enviroscape is always a popular stop for the kids. They learned about

non-point pollution. Over the years the older kids explain the concept to their younger siblings. Clean Communities provided us with t-shirts and reusable shopping bags to give away. Environmental coloring books were also given out.

New Business: A speaker from the Audubon Program will be invited to speak to the WTEAC.

Meeting adjournment: Hance Sitkus 2nd Joe Balusterri

Next meeting date scheduled for November 17, 2022

Prepared by Ellen Smith