

WTEAC Meeting March 16, 2023

Start Time: 7 p.m. Stop Time: 8 p.m.

Date:Place: In Person – Room B

Meeting opened at 7:04 p.m.

Attendance (Roll Call) by Chair Amanda Brockwell

Present: Amanda Brockwell, Chair, James Kenny, Vice-Chair, Ellen Smith, Secretary, Scott Burke, David Roberts, Lindsey Snyder & Nicholas Ritchie

Absent: Tim Farrel, Township Committee Liaison and Hance Sitkus

Review and approval of meeting minutes from the February 2023 meeting. Motion: Scott Burke  
2nd Lindsey Snyder

Members of the public: Rich Thumann of Spring Lake Heights, Kyra Hoffman of Wall and Matthew DeAngelis of the Living Shoreline.

Call for additional agenda items to be added by committee members. Ellen Smith took the DEP NJ Outdoor Recreation Study and encouraged everyone to do so as well. David Roberts is now certified in Green Infrastructure. Amanda Brockwell distributed recycling resources from Mazza Recycling, which is where all our single-stream recycling is sent in Wall Township and noted that there may be education opportunities for this committee to increase recycling awareness.

Update on site plan reviews :It is agreed that we need a new site plan form, in a bulletin form.

Update on wildlife meadow pilot initiative on Watson Road: DPW has mowed the area and removed the vines from the fencing. We need a soil test to see if the ph is correct or needs changes to grow the wildflowers. If this works out well, it can be replicated in other parts of town.

Event planning for April 29th Arbor Day Seedling Giveaway:& Wilma Morrissey Memorial Event: The WTEAC is not needed for the seedling giveaway on April 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On the 29th at 11 a.m. at Town Hall, there will be a ceremony to rename the Self-guided nature trail after long-time Chair Wilma J Morrissey.

Earth Month Challenge Update: David Roberts curated lesson plans and reading lists for k-5. The information, which is available on the Wallnj.com website, was shared with principals in the elementary schools. Submissions are taken April 1st to May 1st. Teachers will submit photos of the children doing the lesson plans. The winners will win a pizza party. Participation is the main goal.

May 6th Clean-up – In the past the WTEAC has cleaned up the Wreck Pond section in the town-wide clean up. David Roberts will reach out to the Watershed Ambassador Amanda Brockwell will reach out to the science director at the Intermediate school. .

Committee Marketing Planning – logo and Instagram: New logos were reviewed. The Wall crest in green colors was chosen. David Roberts and Lindsey Snyder are administrators of the Instagram account. WallEnvironmentalCommittee is the handle. The Earth Month Challenge has been posted there.

Public Comments : Kyra Hoffman spoke about the Barnegat Bay Blitz. The target dates are between April 15-22. Josh Tennen at the High school will be contacted.

Rich Thumann of Spring Lake Heights has concerns about 2599 Route 35 being developed. He feels like flooding could be a problem. He was encouraged to attend the planning board meeting to voice his concerns.

Matthew DeAngelis of the Living Shoreline announced dates of events May 13th is the Coalition Clean up at 9 a.m. in Shark River Hills. On March 25th at 9 a.m. is the dune grass planting. There will be Horseshoe crab tagging over 3 days, with the first being training. The dates are May 18th, June 5th, and June 17th. The Shellfish Classification of Shark River has been downgraded and no longer meets wholesomeness for human consumption. The Shark River Cleanup Coalition would like to restore the cleanliness and historical uses of Shark River. Sample locations are being re-evaluated and future samples will be sent to a commercial lab.

Meeting adjournment Motion: David Roberts 2nd Jim Kenny

next meeting dates: April 20th and May 18, 2023

Prepared by Ellen Smith