

**BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
GREEN TEAM
Meeting Minutes – 25 July 2018
Borough Hall, 6101 Pacific Avenue**

The Borough of Wildwood Crest Green Team met on 25 July 2018 in the Court Room.

The meeting came to order at 2 p.m.

Chairman Wilson read the “Sunshine Act” and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Mary Celebre, Joe Franco, Deborah Rogers, Vice chairman Gene Mulligan and Chairman Sam Wilson were in attendance. Angel Daniels, Darleen Devlin, John Livecchi and Kate Grassi were absent. A quorum was declared.

The minutes of meeting 27 June were approved with two corrections on motion of Mr. Franco, second by Mr. Mulligan and unanimous voice vote.

Under Correspondence, the Secretary reminded the Team of the email sent by Mrs. Celebre and the sample ordinance shared therein and read responding emails from Mayor Cabrera and Commissioner Thompson. She also read an email from Team Member Devlin reporting she has contacted the Recreation Dept, and the Green Team will have a table and canopy for the upcoming Seafarers Celebration in September. The secretary informed the Team of a seminar addressing Green Purchasing in the fall.

Under Old Business, discussion ensued regarding appropriate Team action on non-smoking policies in the Borough. Per Mayor Cabrera’s email, the Commissioners are discussing and considering non-smoking areas. The State of New Jersey has passed legislation to ban smoking on NJ beaches with a set-aside of 15% for smoking areas. The Team agreed to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to establish designated smoking areas away from building entrances and provide repositories for cigarette ashes and butts on motion of Mr. Franco, second by Mrs. Celebre and unanimous voice vote. On motion of Mrs. Celebre and second by Mr. Mulligan and unanimous vote, the Team memorialized support of the State legislation regarding non-smoking policy on beaches. The Team discussed working in conjunction with the Wellness Committee to express support and implement non-smoking policy in the Borough.

Peter Lomax of Lomax Consulting will attend the meeting of 22 August. In preparation, the Team addressed the Community Forestry Management Plan point by point under the guidance of Chairman Wilson. Mr. Mulligan said he has been in contact with Lomax Consulting and learned the tree inventory in the Borough has been completed. Points of the plan were discussed and designated as “doable” moving forward. Teams within the Team in conjunction with the CMFP were established as follows:

- 1) Administrative – Sam Wilson and Debbie Rogers
- 2) Forestry Inventory – Gene Mulligan
- 3) N.J. Ave Project with Tree Resource and Enhancement – Mary Celebre and Angel Daniels
- 4) Public Awareness and Information – Joe Franco, Darleen Devlin and John Livecchi
- 5) Education Opportunities – Sam Wilson and Debbie Rogers
- 6) Forestry Management – Gene Mulligan and Mary Celebre

Additional Team members may participate in each Team within the Team being mindful that no more than three Team members should come together to conduct business to avoid conflict with the Open Public Meetings Act. Chairman Wilson noted the Team will work to develop an approach and establish standards for involving stakeholders in accomplishing CMFP objectives. The August agenda will reflect initial steps toward the outlined goals, and members should be prepared to interface with Lomax Consulting on “homework” to accomplish these goals.

Mr. Franco reported he has talked to Brian Cuniff, Borough Public Relations Representative, about social media and web page presence for the Team Mr. Cuniff suggested using the current accounts for the time being and communicating through him.

Mr. Franco said Mickey McLaughlin is willing to attend the meeting 26 September to discuss electric car charging stations.

Mr. Franco showed shirts with the team logo he had made. Team members liked the embroidered shirt and agreed that the cost (to be borne personally) of \$35.00 is reasonable and to bring payment to the next meeting so that shirts can be ordered.

The smoking informational meeting has been tentatively scheduled for October considering the action by the State and possible action by the Borough Commissioners.

Mr. Mulligan reminded the Team of the NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference 18 & 19 October. Under New Business Secretary Rogers informed the Team of action taken recently by a nearby community to ban plastic drinking straws and one-use plastic bags and asked the Team for future consideration of same. Mrs. Celebre said there is a church group in Florida who make mats for the homeless from plastic bags; she added perhaps the Team could pursue this and create beach mats.

No members of the public spoke.

The Team will meet on 22 August at 2 p.m.

Meeting adjourned on motion of Mrs. Celebre, second by Mr. Mulligan and unanimous vote at 3:20 p.m.

Deborah Rogers
Secretary