

**BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
GREEN TEAM
Meeting Minutes – 26 June 2019
Borough Hall, 6101 Pacific Avenue**

Chairman Wilson called the Borough of Wildwood Crest Green Team to order at 2:00 p.m. on 26 June 2019 in the first-floor meeting room.

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

Members Sam Wilson, Mary Celebre, Darleen Devlin, Joe Franco, Gene Mulligan and Deborah Rogers as well as Sarah Steiner, liaison to the DPW, were in attendance. A quorum was declared.

The minutes of the meeting 22 May were approved on motion of Mr. Franco second by Mr. Mulligan and unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Livecchi entered the meeting.

Under Correspondence, the Secretary said all recent Sustainable Jersey newsletters have been distributed to Team members via email. She reminded the Team of the upcoming Sustainable Jersey and NJ Tree Foundation training sessions and meetings.

Under Old Business Mr. Franco continues to correspond Green team meeting information and activities to Brian Cuniff for publication on the Borough web page. He added he had contacted Rachel Rogash of the Herald regarding the speaker coming to the July meeting, and she suggested a letter should be written to the editor with the information. Mr. Mulligan has drafted a letter (which was reviewed and edited by the Team) to be sent to the Herald.

Under new business Chairman Wilson reported on the Wellness Fair. The tri-fold presentation was on display, and a game about tree planting was demonstrated. Mrs. Celebre showed a mat made of “plarn”, noting that this was also demonstrated at the Fair. The Chairman said there were multiple activities linked into one presentation demonstrating what the Green Team does. He was pleased with the Team’s location placement at the Fair, and the fact that the Mayor and Commissioners expressed their support. Chairman Wilson said Mayor Cabrera indicated there might be space for the Green Team to have a room on the renovated old library. The Team had purchased and distributed reusable shopping bags as prizes for correct answers to an environmental quiz. Team members, Mulligan, Franco and Celebre said they were pleased with the Fair, noting it was a big improvement from last year.

The Team is looking forward to participating in the Seafarer’s Celebration 21 September.

Secretary Rogers reported the Borough is now officially registered with Sustainable Jersey, adding she is awaiting confirmation of the status of our application for further certification.

There was discussion lead by Mrs. Celebre about recycling plastics, and the recycling or reuse of articles made of “plarn”. A program for recycling plastic bags run by “Trex” was brought to the attention of the Team by Mrs. Celebre. The Team agreed that this should be pursued, and a committee manned by Mary Celebre, Gene Mulligan and John Livecchi will do so. Many suggestions were made as to collection receptacles and ways to encourage participation.

The matter of smoking on the beaches was continued.

The Team continued the matter of plastic bags, drinking straws and balloons noting changes in the use of these items. Mr. Mulligan mentioned the “Green Smear” concept of small habitat gardens. The secretary brought Pat Sutton’s Gardening Gang to the attention of the Team and offered to check the availability of Master Gardener Belinda Chester (Rutgers Extension Service) to meet with the team at a future date.

No members of the public spoke.

The Team will meet on 24 July at 2 p.m.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 3:09 p.m.

Deborah Rogers
Secretary