

**BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
GREEN TEAM
Meeting Minutes – 24 July 2019
Borough Hall, 6101 Pacific Avenue**

Vice-Chairman Mulligan called the Borough of Wildwood Crest Green Team to order at 2:00 p.m. on 24 July 2019 in the Court room.

Secretary Rogers read the “Sunshine Act”; Vice-Chairman Mulligan lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Lisa Simms of the New Jersey Tree foundation made a presentation (attached hereto and made part hereof) on appropriate trees for shore and urban locations. She said the Foundation has existed for 21 years and outlined several programs they have implemented including the Grove of Remembrance (for victims of 9/11) in Liberty State Park where in excess of 750 trees are planted. She explained green infrastructure pointing out rain gardens and tree pits. Focusing on shore communities, Ms. Simms showed quality trees and explained bare root, container and balled and burlapped trees for planting. She listed inappropriate trees including but not limited to callery pears, purple plum and Norway maple. As an aside, Ms. Simms showed and explained the invasion of spotted lantern flies and the dangers these insects pose. She said the Borough has many crepe myrtles and should aim to diversify the urban forest; some suggested trees include flowering cherry, American linden, blackgum, serviceberry, various hornbeams, and American elm. She also noted the need to be aware of tree height in relationship to overhead wires. She showed photos of utility pruning, noting that tall trees were planted in the past to hide wires, but now are considered a hazard. Ms. Simms said it is good the Borough has an adopted and approved CFMP noting this contributes to qualification for grants. She said the Team should have informational materials “everywhere”, suggesting social media (which we accomplish through the Borough web page), a municipal Arbor Day celebration, and establishing a “demo” project. The secretary said the Green Team will be working with the Planning Board as the NJ Ave B-1 district rehabilitation moves forward, and this would serve as a good demo project with Team members also mentioning the site of the former library. Ms. Simms was pleased that the Team is working with the DPW through our Liaison, Sarah Steiner. She also mentioned training and continuing education. Ms. Simms brought “ACT”, the Alliance for community Trees” to the attention of the Team. The Vice-Chairman opened the meeting to public comment or questions. John Way who resides at 6000 Pacific Ave. asked about replacing an ailing black pine. Ms. Simms said a cedrus could be a viable replacement. Ms. Simms concluded her presentation at 3 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting 26 June were approved on motion of Mr. Franco second by Mr. Livecchi and unanimous voice vote.

Under Correspondence, the Secretary said all recent correspondence have been distributed to Team members via email and noted a correspondence from ANJEC received this date which will be forwarded to Team members.

Under Old Business Mr. Franco continues to correspond Green team meeting information and activities to Brian Cuniff for publication on the Borough web page. Mrs. Celebre said we are awaiting the delivery of receptacles for the plastic bag collection.

Under New Business the secretary said there has been no further update from Sustainable Jersey. The matter of plastic bags, drinking straws and balloons was continued.

No members of the public spoke.

The Team will meet on 28 August at 2 p.m. the previously-announced smoking abatement presentation has been postponed.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 3:05 p.m.

Deborah Rogers
Secretary