

**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 28 August 2019 in the conference room.

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

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

Members of the public in attendance: Vicki Giron, Board member of the Friends of Cape May National Wildlife Refuge and William Young.

The minutes of the meeting 24 July were approved on motion of Mr. Mulligan second by Mrs. Celebre and unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence: all recent correspondence was distributed to Team members via email. Team members would like further information on the emails from Ralph Cooper.

Old Business: Mrs. Celebre noted regarding the plastic bag collection, that to date we have collected well over 200 pounds. The collected plastic has been delivered to the Acme for pick up.

New Business: All members in attendance are willing to help with the sustainable Jersey certification process.

Mr. Mulligan received a letter from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions regarding single use plastics ordinances. Mrs. Celebre said that the City of North Wildwood has an ordinance against “releasing balloons” and would like to see Wildwood Crest do the same. Discussion ensued regarding how to make the public aware of an ordinance of this type.

Other: There is a tree workshop on 10/24 and 10/25 at Harrah’s in Atlantic City.

Mr. Mulligan and Mrs. Celebre did an informal tree survey in the Borough, 75% of the trees in Wildwood Crest are Pear trees and London Plains. Mrs. Celebre met with Ron Simone in North Wildwood, he noted that they do an annual report on trees in their municipality. Discussion regarding the need to look at the condition of trees on municipal property first.

Mr. Mulligan presented the team with information about Tree City USA” and the need for us to become a member of this movement. It is a movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to take responsibility and to manage and expand their public trees. Mr. Mulligan requested a vote to present this to the Commissioners which was approved on motion of Mrs. Celebre second by Mrs. Devlin and unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Celebre reported on the Sustainable Jersey Ocean City Conference: Megan Nederly of the Surf Rider Foundation spoke on the issue of banning the release of balloons and a potable water purifiers, which the foundation is willing to lend to us for possible the Seafarer’s event. Discussion ensued regarding the lack of a water source at that event.

Public Comment:

Vicki Giron, Board member of the Friends of Cape May National Wildlife Refuge spoke about the wildlife refuge and expressed an interest in volunteering with our committee for future endeavors and events.

William Young expressed an interest in learning what types of trees should be used by residents for streetscape. The committee provided him with the list of appropriate trees for the area from the presentation by Lisa Simms of the New jersey Tree Foundation.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 3:00 p.m.

Angela Daniels, Green Team member.