

BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
GREEN TEAM
Meeting Minutes – 27 May 2020
Borough Hall, 6101 Pacific Avenue

Chairman Sam Wilson called the Borough of Wildwood Crest Green Team to order at 2 pm. on 27 May via teleconference.

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

Bill Cordeiro, Darleen Devlin, Mary Celebre, Joe Franco, Deborah Rogers and Sam Wilson were in attendance. A quorum was declared. DPW liaison Sarah Steiner was present.

The minutes of the meeting 26 February were approved on motion of Mrs. Devlin, second by Mr. Cordeiro and unanimous voice vote of members eligible to vote.

Under correspondence, the Secretary said recent correspondences have been distributed to Team members via email.

Under old business Sarah Steiner reported that she, Joe Franco and bill Cordeiro attended three virtual meetings of the NJ Tree Federation and should gain CEU’s for the CFMP. This also helps the Borough to qualify for grant money. She also noted the Borough must apply to be designated as a Tree City USA, and complete a tree inventory each year. Chairman Wilson asked Ms. Steiner to prioritize these concerns to be addressed at the June meeting. Mrs. Rogers said the Planning Board discussed tree planting and will address the issue at a future meeting. Ms. Steiner said a tree budget must be prepared for CFMP; this will be reported at the June meeting.

The chairman noted the Sustainable Jersey deadline extension to June 15, saying it will be difficult to meet that timeline. He reminded the Team of the Sustainable Jersey Master Action spreadsheet he had prepared and distributed.

In discussion of the plastics collection, Team members expressed reluctance to handle plastics during the pandemic, although the Acme is willing to accept these and provide storage. By consensus the Team agreed to suspend collection until protocols can be established. Mr. Franco will publish this information on the Borough web page and social media outlets. Regarding the Trex bench which has been earned, Ms. Steiner suggested

Sunrise Park as a location, adding the dimensions and color, means of anchoring, etc. must be provided to DPW to be included in the plan.

Mr. Franco reported there has not been much to post on social media the past couple of months.

Mrs. Rogers reported on Planning Board action on faux grass and curb apron ground cover, saying the Planning Board had acted in accordance with Green Team recommendations.

Ms. Steiner said no ashtrays or buckets for cigarette butts have been ordered for placement at the beach street ends. Team members expressed concern about butts transmitting germs and virus. Ms. Steiner said she is reluctant to ask DPW crews to empty these under the current circumstances. The Team agreed to maintain effort to ban smoking entirely from our beach and public spaces.

Under new business it was noted the Wellness Fair and Seafarers Celebration have been postponed, but the Team will again participate whenever these are scheduled.

The Team agreed the conference call format is acceptable during the pandemic.

The discussion of plastic bags, drinking straws, etc. will be continued as under current circumstances disposable items are encouraged.

The Team accepted the resignation of Deborah Rogers as Team member and secretary. It was noted the Board of Commissioners is responsible to appoint Team members and hire a recording secretary.

No members of the public spoke.

The Team will meet on 24 June 2020 at 2 p.m.

Meeting adjourned on motion of Mrs. Devlin, second by Mr. Franco and unanimous voice vote at 3 p.m.

Deborah Rogers
Secretary