

**BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
GREEN TEAM
Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2022
Borough Hall, 6101 Pacific Avenue**

I. Call to Order. Chairperson Sam Wilson called the Borough of Wildwood Crest Green Team to order at 1 pm. Chairperson Wilson read the “Sunshine Act” and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Attendance. Chair Sam Wilson, Co-Chair Darleen Devlin, Patti MacQueen, Mary Celebre (via zoom), Angel Daniels, AJ Caruso, Bob Deissroth & Secretary Archer were in attendance. Commissioner Joe Franco, Nick Holland (from WWC Rec) and Ralph Cooper Co-Chair from Upper Township Green Team were in guest attendance. Members of the public: Jackie Collins, Mark Collins and Joe Grottola were in attendance.

III. Minutes.The minutes of the December 22 meeting were approved on motion of Member Daniels, second by Member Caruso and unanimous voice vote of members eligible to vote.

IV. Correspondence. Under correspondence, the Secretary said there were no snail or email deliveries.

V. Old Business.

A. Secretary Archer said the current recycled bags number is 30.43 pounds.

B. Chairperson Wilson offered the following updates, in the absence of Administrator Mahon:

- 1.The CFMP draft report was sent to Peter Lomax (consultant) for review and input. The accomplishment report will be submitted well in advance of the February 15th deadline.
2. Grant writer, Jim Rutala, has been authorized to apply to BPU for one, two-headed charging station at the old library. Administrator Mahon has asked the governing body if it is interested in applying for a \$5000 BPU grant towards the purchase of an electric vehicle.

3. Administrator Mahon report also stated that the signage for Preston Park is on its way from the Wetlands Institute. The Preston Park project is moving along per schedule.
4. The proposed balloon ordinance has been provided to the governing body and is awaiting a second read.
- C. Member Celebre spoke next regarding the *Blue Flag Program* for the Borough. Lifeguard Captain Buddy Johnson has been asked to participate in the next Green Team meeting via zoom to update him on the program.
- D. Chairperson Wilson brought up the fact that the U.S. Lifeguard Association has reservations about nationwide against this program. A group discussion is expected to compare both sides.
- E. Member MacQueen gave an update about the teamwork status for Sustainable Jersey certification. The team is striving for Bronze Status and is expected to get the required submissions uploaded by the May 2022 deadline. MacQueen continued by advising the team that it qualified for an intern from Montclair State to help with the Sustainable Jersey certification effort over the summer.
- F. Chairperson Wilson advised everyone that SJ certification provides vital support for the borough's effort to gain approval of the Master Plan endorsement.

VI. New business,

- A. Commissioner Franco spoke of how vital it is for the team to be fully "present" in their duties, commitment and attendance. He stressed the importance of Sustainable Jersey certification.
- B. Department of Recreation representative Nick Holland gave a presentation of reusable bags made out of recyclable products. He handed out seven bags for the team to choose for upcoming events: Wellness Fair, Seafarers and such.
- C. Commissioner Franco said they can be used for the Creative Arts Council team. Green Team will decide collectively and send recommendations to Administrator Mahon.

VII. Other. N/A.

VIII. Public Comment.

A. Residents Jackie Collins, Mark Collins and Joe Grottola presented their local concerns over the road-crossing dangers to Diamond Backed Terrapins in the borough and to would-be rescuers who stepped out in traffic to save them. Chairperson Wilson let them know that the new Preston Park will have an area for turtles to lay their eggs and crossing areas are being designed in the plan. The Collins family let the team know that Sea Isle City has designated areas for turtles to be placed that are found by folks trying to save them. Joe Grottola suggested reaching out to the Wetlands Institute's Lisa Ferguson and Brian Williamson regarding a means to help the turtles stay safe. Chairman Wilson appointed a sub-committee to investigate the facts of the matter and to report them out to the Green Team at its next meeting. Chair Wilson further appointed Co-Chair Devlin to head the group. Member Bob Deissroth agreed to join it along with several citizen volunteers.

B. Mr. Ralph Cooper then spoke via zoom regarding the "Every Drop Counts" display being planned for set up at the borough library. Mr Cooper added the display was to educate the public to conserve water via the Rutgers Cooperative Extension program

IX..Next Meeting.The Team will meet on February 23, 2022 at 1 p.m.

X. Adjournment. . Meeting adjourned on motion of Member Celebre, second by Member Caruso.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Archer,
Green Team Member and Secretary