

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

January 14, 2016

The Green Team meeting was held this date at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m.

Present : Joe Watters, Robert Jewell, Donald Proefrock, Heather Hamilton, and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Dawn Smith, Connie Andershonis, Leigh Raffaele, Elaine Drazek, and Alison Lorentson

Certification: Prior to the meeting Mrs. Andershonis forwarded a June 2018 – recertification spreadsheet to Mrs. Fascenelli. Mrs. Fascenelli distributed said spreadsheet to the members attending the meeting. Discussion regarding same tabled until the February 11, 2016 Green Team meeting.

Carbon Footprint: On January 14, 2016 Mrs. Andershonis and Mr. Proefrock reviewed purchase orders (up to Mid Oct. 2015) and updated the carbon footprint spreadsheets accordingly. They plan on finishing reviewing purchase orders for 2015 on February 11, 2016. Mr. Proefrock advised he will request the mileage reports from Chief Reilly and Kevin Ward (DPW Supervisor).

Support Local Businesses: Mrs. Raffaele will continue to contact local businesses.

Backyard Composting Workshop: Pequest Trout Hatchery will host the workshop and Earthworms Plus will do the presentation. Mrs. Fascenelli emailed Pequest Trout Hatchery to confirm a date for the presentation. She will follow up with Pequest and advise the Green Team when a date has been established.

Materials Reuse Program: At the January 13, 2016 Township Committee Meeting the committee approved extending the Town Wide Yard Sale to include Friday, April 22, 2016. Mrs. Fascenelli stated that Mrs. Raffaele advised that the article regarding the Town Wide Yard Sale was forwarded to the Washington Messenger and Warren Reporter. A request will be made to have information placed on the Township's website.

Green Fair: Mrs. Fascenelli stated that Mrs. Raffaele contacted Sustainable Jersey (Samantha McGraw) regarding the name of the fair. Per Sustainable Jersey the Township does not have to call the event a Green Fair. Mrs. Raffaele has other suggestions that she will present at the next Green Team meeting. Mrs. Fascenelli spoke with Desiree Mora-Dillon (Mansfield Elementary School Board Member) about hosting the event at the school. Mrs. Dillon will investigate the possibility of having the event at the school.

Water Conservation Education Program – EPA Approved Watersense Showerheads: At the January 13, 2016 Township Meeting the Township Committee approved a resolution for the Green Team to apply for a \$2,000.00 grant from Sustainable Jersey for EPA approved watersense showerheads.

Mrs. Fascenelli attended the January 12, 2016 Senior Citizen meeting in order to present the idea to the seniors and to determine which showerhead they would prefer. There are two different showerheads to choose from: option 1 – regular chrome shower head and option 2 – shower- mount hand shower. The vote was tied 4 to 4. Mr. Proefrock said he votes for the hand held system.

Environmental Resources Inventory (ERI) Revisions: At the January 13, 2016 Township Meeting the Township Committee approved a resolution for the Green Team to apply for a \$10,000.00 grant from Sustainable Jersey in order to update/revise the Township's ERI.

2016 Conservation Poster Contest: The theme for 2016 is "We All Need Trees". The Warren County Soil Conservation District would like to encourage student participation to create a poster reflecting this theme. Mrs. Fascenelli forwarded this information to Mrs. Hamilton. Mrs. Hamilton said she will bring it before the school board at their next meeting.

Girl Scout Troop 94-567: Mrs. Fascenelli received an email from Nancy Harasymchuk (Co-Leader Troop 94-567) expressing an interest in making a few changes to the walking trail at the park. They would like to have a map at the beginning of the trail marking the trail and the distance. The troop is interested in adding information and flare to the board. They would also like to utilize the empty posts along the trail to include exercise stations. The troop would like to advertise the trail and exercise walk with posters and information sent through the Warren Hills Girl Scout council. The girls would pick a date in the spring and lead a walk through the trail with the changes. After a brief discussion it was determined that the troop should reach out to the Recreation Committee for their input and support.

Community Garden: Mr. McMekin (Environmental Committee member) stated that Mansfield Township residents are welcome to participate in the Washington Borough Community Garden. Mrs. Pante will email the flyer to Mrs. Fascenelli.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

Town Wide Yard Sale – April 22nd – 24th, 2016 – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Free Town Wide Paper Shredding Event – October 22, 2016, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – 1710 Route 57

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli