

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD

August 11, 2016

The Green Team meeting was held this date at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J.

Present : Leigh Raffaele, Joe Watters, Connie Andershonis, Robert Jewell, Dawn Smith and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Heather Hamilton, Elaine Drazek and Alison Lorentson

The July 2016 Green Team meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

Community Asset Mapping: Mrs. Andershonis will be working on this project and an outline will be available for the October 2016 Green Team meeting for possible additional input from the members.

Carbon Footprint: Mrs. Andershonis will meet with Mr. Proefrock to discuss completing inputting the balance of 2015 and 2016 for this project. For the DPW information we will average mileage on the vehicles for two years in order to calculate mileage for 2015.

Backyard Composting Workshop: The workshops were consolidated to a one day event which was held at the Pequest Natural Resource Center. Presenter was Earthworms Plus.

Material Reuse Program: According to the survey conducted a majority of the participants felt that the additional day (Friday) worked well and that April was an ideal time for a yard sale.

Bag-It Program: Mrs. Smith stated the video was well received by students and teachers alike. Next time we need to provide additional bags for handouts.

Watersense Showerheads: Mrs. Andershonis stated 38 residents have signed up for a free showerhead. Mrs. Andershonis and Mrs. Smith spoke with Lin Supply regarding the purchase of the showerheads. Lin Supply will provide samples from different vendors to choose from. Mrs. Andershonis and Mrs. Smith were pleased with the response from Lin Supply and their willingness to work with the Green Team.

Municipal Support for Responsible Pet Ownership: Mrs. Fascenelli advised the resolution is complete and will go before the Township Committee at their next regular meeting.

Digitizing Public Information: Mrs. Fascenelli volunteered to investigate the digitizing public information action. She advised that tax look-up and payment will be available soon. Mrs. Smith stated that Mayor Kocher advised at an Economic & Industrial Development Advisory Council meeting that animal licensing may be available online. Mrs. Fascenelli did not know about the animal licensing only that tax look-up and payment will be available.

Buy Electricity From A Renewable Source: Mrs. Fascenelli advised the township recently entered into an electricity sale agreement. Mr. Watters suggested calling Scott Monetti with any questions.

Clean Up: Since the Township does not financially support the Green Team they would be eligible to receive a Clean Communities mini grant for a roadside clean up. Mr. Jewell volunteered his dump truck for a cleanup event. Mrs. Fascenelli said the cleanup could be a road side, park, river, etc. Mrs. Smith asked when one would have to be done by. Mrs. Fascenelli said there is no time limit.

Support Local Businesses: Mrs. Smith received a listing of local businesses that Mrs. Raffaele compiled. The Economic & Industrial Development Advisory Council will pursue this action item.

Solar: Mr. Watters expressed an interest in getting solar for the Municipal Building. The highest grant that may be available through Sustainable Jersey would be \$ 25,000.00.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

Town Wide Paper Shredding Event – October 22, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – 1710 Route 57

Electronic waste, scrap metal, large rigid plastics & mercury switch thermostats event – November 19, 2016 – 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli