

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

January 8, 2015

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 7:30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Ruth Pante' (Environmental Commission)

Finance Report: Mrs. Fascenelli advised there is a balance of \$ 69.64 from the Sustainable Jersey Grant and the Trust Fund has a balance of \$ 587.29. Final grant paperwork needs to be submitted to Sustainable Jersey by March 31, 2015.

Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal: Mrs. Fascenelli stated the Police Department does not have a permanent container for collection. The Township can still participate in the DEA events twice a year. The Green Team will follow up with the Police Department for the next date so that advertising can commence.

Reusable Bag Education Program: The Green Team will have bags available during the Town Wide Yard Sale (flea market) either at the School parking lot or Municipal Park.

Feral Cats: Mrs. Fascenelli was advised by the Township Clerk that the Animal Control Officer is working on this issue. Mrs. Fascenelli will follow up and report the status at the next Green Team meeting.

Community Garden: The Green Team will continue to research this action item.

Backyard Composting Workshop: Mr. Watters suggested that April would be a good time to host a backyard composting workshop.

Support Local Businesses: Ms. Keggan will work on updating this listing. A new form is available. Mrs. Smith stated a listing of participants from the past two Community Day events could be included for this action item. Mrs. Fascenelli will contact the appropriate party for this information. Mrs. Raffaele volunteered to do feature articles on small local businesses in the Township.

Carbon Footprint: Mr. Proefrock has volunteered to update the carbon footprint spreadsheet. Some information is missing from 2010 and 2011. Mr. Proefrock advised he can bring a laptop to the Municipal Building for input. Mrs. Fascenelli will seek permission from the Township Committee in order for Mr. Proefrock to utilize the meeting room and pull the applicable PO(s) for input.

Materials Reuse Program: Mrs. Smith suggested the event be held on April 25, 2015. Residents can have a sale at their home or at the park or school parking lot (flea market style). Mrs. Smith has asked Recreation if this date would conflict with their scheduling. The second option would be the Mansfield

Township Elementary School parking lot. A form will be developed so that residents can register. Also the Green Team will decide on a suggested donation amount to help offset the cost for advertising and temporary restrooms. Balloons and maps for residents having the sale at their property will be made available at the Township Municipal Building.

Points for Recertification: Mrs. Fascenelli will forward the grass cut it and leave it wording to Mrs. Smith for updating. This action is worth 5 points. Ms. Keggan will update the information regarding the paper shredding events for 2013 and 2014.

Large Rigid Plastics: Mrs. Fascenelli will investigate the possibility of having a roll off container available year round at the Department of Public Works Garage.

Next Green Team Meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli