

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

June 12, 2014

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 7:45 p.m.

Present : Don Proefrock, Robert Jewell, Jennifer Keggan, Dawn Smith, Michael Misertino, and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Connie Andershonis

Also Present : Ruth Pante', James McMekin, Glenn Todd, and JoAnn de Raismes

Environmental Commission Business: Ms. Pante' attended an Environmental Resource Inventories web-based seminar on June 11, 2014. Ms. Pante' advised that the Environmental Resource Inventories plan should be revised. This revision should take place one (1) year before the Master Plan is revised.

Pequest Moth Night – The Environmental Commission agreed to pay for signs for this event. Ms. Pante' will forward the information to Mrs. Fascenelli for payment.

A brief discussion was held regarding the Asian ash borer beetle and the effects on ash trees in the US.

Rain Barrel Workshop: Mr. Proefrock stated the June 7, 2014 workshop was a success. The Green Team had 17 barrels and all the barrels were distributed. A new flyer for the September 21, 2014 workshop will be developed. Start time will be 1:00 p.m. and there will be no limit on the number of barrels per person. Mrs. Smith advised we have to work on advertising on the Township's web-site. The Green Team will discuss the possible placement of barrels at municipal buildings. The final report for the grant is due May 15, 2015.

Mr. Proefrock stated the Green Team should also consider educational programs. Hackettstown MUA gives tours of their facility. Also, the landfill could give a tour of their solar field. These options should be discussed with a representative from Mansfield Elementary School. We could also reach out to Boy / Girl Scout troops.

Mr. Proefrock announced he will be leaving the Green Team the end of June; however he would be available as a consultant when needed.

Backyard Composting Workshop: Mrs. Fascenelli will contact Mr. Matt Barr (AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador) for names of master gardeners.

Dedication by Rider: Mrs. Fascenelli will follow up with the Township Clerk to see if the State approved the resolution.

Pequest Moth Night: This event is scheduled for July 23, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. to be held at the Pequest Trout Hatchery. A flyer is available in the Municipal Building lobby and will be put on the Township's web-site.

TAP GRANT: Discussion regarding the TAP Grant was tabled. The grant will be discussed during the July meeting when Mrs. Andershonis can be present.

Land Use Pledge Resolution: Ms. Keggan did not foresee any issues with the resolution. Mrs. Fascenelli will forward same to the Township's Planning Board for their review and comments.

Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal: Mrs. Smith advised in order for the Green Team to qualify for points this event has to be held twice a year for the drop off of prescription and over the counter drugs. Drop off will be located at the Township's Police Department. Need to document a campaign that educates residents on the importance of disposing of drugs in a proper and safe manner. Records must be kept regarding the number of residents that participated as well as the number of prescriptions collected and the total weight in pounds collected.

Washington Township Green Fair: Mrs. Fascenelli asked that the Green Team members forward her a listing of businesses that were mailed and/or received registration forms. This information will be forwarded to Washington Township.

Reusable Bag Education Program: Mrs. Fascenelli will obtain window clings as a reminder to bring your own bags.

Feral Cats: Mrs. Fascenelli reminded the members about the large population of feral cats in the apartment complexes. The Green Team will investigate this further.

Township Newsletter: A Township newsletters is mailed with the tax bills once a year. Mrs. Fascenelli asked the members to write an article for the newsletter.

Community Garden: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Andershonis developed a questioner and will compile the results for further discussion. Mr. McMekin advised that the Washington Borough community garden is underway and all the plots have been sold. There are 70 (20 x 15) plots and the fee is \$20.00 per plot. They have water available on a somewhat limited basis. Mr. Misertino advised there is a key available that goes into part of a spigot. The Green Team could request a donation for a key for their community garden. Mansfield Township would have to depend on rain barrels for water and/or residents would have to bring their own.

Electronic Collection Event: Mrs. Fascenelli will arrange for an event to be held later in the year.

Support Local Businesses: Mrs. Smith advised Sustainable Jersey will be hosting a webinar on July 16, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. regarding supporting local businesses.

Ongoing Projects:

Carbon Footprint – Ms. Keggan will work on this project.

Purchasing Resolution – Mrs. Fascenelli will continue to work on this project.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

June 21, 2014 – Mansfield Township Community Day.

July 23, 2014 – Liberty National Moth Week – Pequest Trout Hatchery 6:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

August 16, 2014 – Washington Township (Morris County) Green Fair.

October 4, 2014 – Mansfield Township Free Paper Shredding Event – Department of Public Works
Garage – 1710 Route 57 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Next Green Team Meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted

JoAnn Fascenelli