

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

May 14, 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 8:50 p.m.

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

Absent : Robert Jewell and Elaine Drazek

Mrs. Fascenelli announced that Jennifer Keggan submitted a letter of resignation effective immediately. Jennifer was instrumental for the Green Team to achieve the initial bronze level certification.

Sustainable Jersey Grant: As suggested by a Township resident the Capacity-Building Grant (Water Conservation) Rain Barrel Workshop report and comments from Sustainable Jersey are on the Township's website.

Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal: Mrs. Andershonis spoke with Sustainable Jersey regarding this action item. Only the last event held qualified, however Sustainable Jersey has agreed to be flexible and will grant the 10 points (Bronze Priority) as long as information is submitted for the prior prescription drug take back event. Mrs. Smith has requested that the Police Secretary supply a description of the prior event.

The Green Team will also follow up regarding a mobile prescription drug take back program.

Reusable Bag Education Program: Mrs. Andershonis prepared a presentation and will also show the Bag It DVD to the 5th grade classes (105 students) of the Mansfield Township Elementary School. Mrs. Smith will assist Mrs. Andershonis with this presentation. Each student will receive a cloth bag. Mrs. Andershonis will also be reaching out to local businesses in the area regarding a possible bag give-a-way event.

Backyard Composting Workshop: This event is scheduled for May 16, 2015 at the Municipal Building from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. There will be two key speakers, Marleny Franco and Jesse Lubkiewicz. Committeeman Misertino will also speak regarding his personal experiences with composting. There will also be 2 door prizes given away. Mrs. Fascenelli feels the attendance will be low due to college graduations. However, those that said they could not attend were interested in attending at another time.

Support Local Businesses: Mrs. Raffaele will start sending out emails to local businesses in order to update the listing on the Township's website.

Carbon Footprint: Mrs. Fascenelli stated that Mr. Proefrock forwarded an email to the Department of Public Works Supervisor regarding the missing information in order to complete 2014. Mrs. Andershonis

said she met with Mr. Proefrock in order to obtain an understanding of the carbon footprint report so she can write an article about it.

Water Conservation Education Program: Mrs. Andershonis advised that in order to receive points actions must have been completed from within 3.5 years of the June submission. The rain barrel workshops and Minimize Water Consumption report qualify for this action item. Mrs. Fascenelli will provide Mrs. Andershonis with copies of programs funded by the Clean Communities Grant that may qualify.

Materials Reuse Program: Mrs. Smith stated a survey monkey (online survey) will be established so the Green Team can obtain feedback from residents that participated in the Town Wide Yard Sale Event. Also, April 16th and April 17th, 2016 was suggested for the next Town Wide Yard Sale. Mrs. Fascenelli said it has been suggested to have the 4 fire companies as central locations for residents that just have a few items. The fire companies could pay the \$10.00 suggested donation to the Green Team and then charge for tables to be used at their location.

Mrs. Fascenelli forwarded copies of 2014 reports showing the tonnage collected at the clothing drop boxes in the township to Mrs. Andershonis to be included in the final report.

Mrs. Andershonis will also include the number of barrels used for the rain barrel workshops for this action item.

Recertification: Mrs. Andershonis feels the Green Team will have enough points (225) to submit in June for recertification.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

May 16, 2015 – Backyard Composting Workshop- Mansfield Township Municipal Building 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

October 24, 2015 – Free Town-Wide Paper Shredding Event – Mansfield Township Department of Public Works (1710 Route 57) 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli