

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

November 17, 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 7:30 p.m.

Present : Connie Andershonis, Michael Misertino, and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Dawn Smith, Jennifer Keggan, and Robert Jewell

Also Present: Ruth Pante' and Elaine Drazek (Environmental Commission)

The Environmental Commission briefly reviewed the plans for the Solar Farm on block 1509 lots 7.01 and 8 QFARM (Raymond & Peggy Hengst).

**Environmental Commission Budget:** Ms. Pante' requested that the budget for 2015 remain the same as the 2014 budget.

Ms. Pante' stated she will be forwarding a letter to the Mayor and Township Committee suggesting that one or more members of the Green Team be appointed to the Environmental Commission so that participation and voting count would be available as needed.

Mr. Misertino advised that volunteer forms are available for open positions in 2015. Mrs. Fascenelli suggested prior to re-appointing someone to a commission that their attendance record be reviewed.

Mrs. Drazek would like to investigate bat and bird education. She will compile some articles for the Township's web-site. Mrs. Andershonis volunteered to assist.

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**Rain Barrel Workshop:** The last workshop in 2014 will be held at the Mansfield Township Fire Department. The hall rental fee will be paid out of the Sustainable Jersey grant. Mrs. Andershonis will have copies of the presentation (no overhead projector available) and construction instructions printed at Staples. Mrs. Andershonis will also purchase refreshments for the workshop. There is a total of 12 barrels and all twelve are reserved. Mrs. Fascenelli advised there are 3 people on a wait list just in case someone cannot make the workshop. Mrs. Andershonis stated that Mr. Proefrock packed the bags with the necessary parts.

**Land Use Pledge Resolution:** Mrs. Fascenelli stated certified copies were forwarded to the Zoning/Engineering Office, Mansfield Township Planning Board, and the Code and Construction Office. This action item is worth 10 points.

**Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal:** The Green Team is interested in having a container available at the Police Department so that unwanted prescription drugs can be collected year round.

**Reusable Bag Education Program:** The Green Team will continue to hand out the reusable bags whenever possible. The other portion of this action item is to list the stores/shops that have reusable bags available.

**Feral Cats:** Mrs. Fascenelli reminded the members about the large population of feral cats in the apartment complexes. It was suggested that Kim Bennett, Animal Control Officer be contacted regarding this issue.

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

**Backyard Composting Workshop:** Mrs. Fascenelli was advised that a very informative presentation was performed at Waterloo Village. She will attempt to obtain the name and contact information for the individual that performed the workshop. The recycling tonnage can be used to offset cost associated with a workshop.

**Support Local Businesses:** Ms. Keggan will work on updating this listing.

**Carbon Footprint:** Ms. Keggan will continue to input information for this action item.

**Materials Reuse Program:** During a webinar a question was raised regarding the reuse action item – “Would a town wide garage sale qualify for this action item?” Mrs. Fascenelli received an email stating that it would qualify and points could be earned for this activity since it is large-scale and on a town-wide level. This action is worth 10 points. Mrs. Fascenelli will speak to the Township Committee regarding a town wide garage sale event.

**Park Beautification:** Mrs. Andershonis forwarded Mr. Terry’s contact information to Mansfield Township’s Recreation Committee.

Next Green Team Meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted

JoAnn Fascenelli