

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

November 12, 2015

Note: The October 2015 Green Team meeting was cancelled due to an ANJEC presentation..

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 8:45 p.m.

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

Absent : Connie Andershonis & Elaine Drazek

Also present: Michael Misertino (Vice Chair Person) and Tim Terry (Penny Toss Farm)

Mr. Tim Terry from Penny Toss Farm did a brief presentation regarding the trees he is considering donating to the Township to be planted at the Hector A. Cafferata Jr. Park. In the past Mr. Terry has met with Mrs. Andershonis and Mr. Proefrock regarding this project.

Mr. Terry suggested planting 8 mature (4 per side) Skyline Locus trees along the driveway entrance. Mr. Terry felt this species would be good for that location because they will create an umbrella canopy and they are not messy and do not require a lot of maintenance. The Skyline Locus can grow to 30' tall.

To the left along the parking lot Mr. Terry suggested Sweet Gum (total of 8 mature trees). Sweet Gum leaves are a deep purple. Towards the trial entrance Mr. Terry felt that Japanese Dogwood (5 – 6 mature trees) and Redbud trees (5 mature trees) would be an ideal location.

Mr. Terry stated he would supply the trees and labor to plant. The Township would have to seek volunteers to mulch and water the trees. Mr. Terry will also remove the existing trees along the driveway explaining that they are not of good stock and will not survive.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the placement of the trees and concerns regarding the setbacks along the driveway. The Environmental Commission and Green Team members thanked Mr. Terry for this very generous offer and asked that he prepare a sketch and presentation for the next Township meeting scheduled for November 23, 2015.

Recertification: Mrs. Smith suggested mailing the (1) free ticket back to Sustainable Jersey and advising them that unfortunately no one from the Green Team can attend the November 17, 2015 luncheon.

Mrs. Smith prepared a draft press release for the Green Team members to review. She also advised that a picture in usually part of a press release. Mrs. Fascenelli suggested that a picture from one of the rain barrel workshops would be a good addition.

Mrs. Smith stated that Mrs. Andershonis and she will be having a daytime work session if anyone else wishes to attend in order to review what action items can be carried forward. Mrs. Fascenelli stated she cannot attend any daytime work sessions and cautioned on the number of people attending such sessions.

Reusable Bag Education Program: Mrs. Fascenelli said an additional 100 cloth bags were distributed on November 3, 2015 (election).

Carbon Footprint: Arrangements will be made in order for Mrs. Andershonis to review purchase orders in order to update the carbon footprint.

Materials Reuse Program: The 2016 Town-Wide yard sale is scheduled for April 23rd and April 24th.

Support Local Businesses: Mrs. Raffaele will continue to contact local businesses. Local businesses were notified of the Township's town-wide paper shredding event and electronics collection event.

Backyard Composting Workshop: A workshop is scheduled for next March. Pequest Trout Hatchery will host the workshop and Earthworms Plus will do the presentation.

Operation Drug-Take-Back: The event was held on September 26, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Mansfield Township Police Department. A total of 19 pounds was collected at that time.

Free Town-Wide Paper Shredding Event: Mrs. Fascenelli advised that 88 residents participated and the administrative staff properly disposed of 39 boxes of confidential documents. This resulted in a total of 8,920 pounds (4.46 tons) of shredded paper.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

November 21, 2015 – Electronic Waste, Scrap Metal, & Large Rigid Plastics Collection – Mansfield Township Department of Public Works (1710 Route 57) 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Town-Wide Yard Sale – April 23, 2016 and April 24, 2016.

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli