

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD

September 8, 2016

The Green Team meeting was held this date at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J.

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

Absent : Heather Hamilton and Alison Lorentson

Community Asset Mapping: Mrs. Andershonis advised she has begun work on this action item. There are several programs designed for this type of activity, however Mrs. Andershonis feels that Google Maps would be best suited since the Township utilizes Google Maps for other activities.

Carbon Footprint: Mrs. Andershonis will meet with Mr. Proefrock to discuss completing inputting the balance of 2015 and 2016 for this project. For the DPW information we will average mileage on the vehicles for two years in order to calculate mileage for 2015.

Bag-It Program: Mrs. Fascenelli stated the new style cloth bags are being distributed very quickly and additional bags need to be ordered. It was the consensus of the Green Team to order the same style bag for 2016 and in 2017 additional styles can be considered.

Watersense Showerheads: According to Mrs. Andershonis a total of 49 residents have registered for showerheads. Lin Supply has furnished several different makes of both standard and handheld showerheads. Mrs. Andershonis will speak at the Seniors Meeting on September 13, 2016 advising them of the grant received by the Green Team and that showerheads are available for free. It was agreed that after the Senior Meeting advertizing will commence in other avenues (i.e.: school newsletter, Facebook etc.).

Municipal Support for Responsible Pet Ownership: Mrs. Fascenelli said there was a slight mix up at the August 24, 2016 Township meeting so the resolution will be on the September 14, 2016 meeting agenda for Township Committee approval.

Digitizing Public Information: Mrs. Fascenelli stated she will meet with the Township Clerk to review the requirements in order to qualify for this action item. It was also suggested that the Online Municipal Public Service Systems action be reviewed.

Buy Electricity From A Renewable Source: Mrs. Fascenelli will investigate this action item. The Township recently entered into an electricity sale agreement.

Prescription Drug Safety And Disposal: Mrs. Fascenelli stated that the Mansfield Township Police Department ordered a stationary and mobile unit for prescription drug disposal. Mobile unit can be utilized at Senior Citizen meetings and other events.

Mrs. Andershonis commented on the Green Living & Fireworks Festival being hosted by Washington Township (Morris County) and advised that the Mansfield Township Fire Department is interested in having fireworks in Mansfield. Mrs. Andershonis asked if fireworks would be a good fit to go with a Green Fair. There are meetings being held regarding the fireworks if anyone from the Green Team would be interested in attending.

Mr. Watters attended the September 2016 SWAC meeting and the overall MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) rate for recycling was discussed. In 2014 Warren County's rate was 32% and the state has set a goal for the MSW rate at 50%. Mr. Watters stated he discussed this with Mrs. Fascenelli and she explained how the MSW is calculated. Mrs. Fascenelli will calculate the MSW rate for Mansfield Township and will advise same at the next Green Team meeting. Mr. Watters also advised that a local farm has requested an exemption for recycling of leaves and would like to do composting onsite. Mr. Watters stated he advised the County that the farm is located in farmland preservation and composting is not permitted.

Mr. McMekin (Environmental Commission) stated that the Arctic sea ice is at a record low and shipping lanes over the Arctic Circle are being investigated.

Mrs. Smith said she received hard copies of the local businesses from Mrs. Raffaele. Mrs. Smith requested that Mrs. Raffaele forward them in digital form. Mrs. Raffaele agreed to do so. Mrs. Raffaele advised she compiled the listing given to Mrs. Smith by either calling, sending an email or personally visiting the businesses. Forms that were completed were kept for record purposes. The Economic & Industrial Development Advisory Council will utilize the information collected by Mrs. Raffaele and will continue to work on the Support Local Businesses action item.

Mrs. Andershonis said she will look over the Water Conservation Ordinance.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

September 22, 2016 – Tire Amnesty Day for Warren County Residents from 7:00 am – 2:30 pm – Warren County District Landfill

September 25, 2016 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm – Warren County District Landfill

October 22, 2016 - Free Town Wide Paper Shredding Event from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – 1710 Route 57

November 19, 2016 - Electronic waste, scrap metal, large rigid plastics & mercury switch thermostats event from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm – 1017 Route 57

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli