

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

December 10, 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 8:45 p.m.

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

Absent : Elaine Drazek

Also Present: Don Proefrock and Heather Hamilton

Recertification: Mrs. Fascenelli stated that the Township's Deputy Mayor represented the Green Team at the November 17, 2015 luncheon. Sustainable Jersey Certified pins were distributed to the Green Team and Environmental members. Mrs. Andershonis will advise how many points can be carried over to the 2018 recertification.

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

Support Local Businesses: Mrs. Raffaele will continue to contact local businesses.

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

Materials Reuse Program: The 2016 Town-Wide Yard Sale is scheduled for April 23rd and April 24th. Mrs. Smith asked Mrs. Raffaele to write an article about the event. Mrs. Smith suggested adding Friday (early bird) to the event. The registration forms would need to be updated to include Friday. The lawn signs can be reused. It was also suggested that instead of utilizing balloons that triangle flags be used to designate homes that are participating. Mrs. Andershonis and Mrs. Smith will check into the possibility of having a large sign/banner hanging across Allen Road (by the intersection) to advertise the event. Mrs. Fascenelli stated that the Fire Companies did not respond to the letter that was mailed earlier so she will follow up with them.

Green Fair: Mrs. Raffaele and Mrs. Fascenelli have been discussing ideas regarding a Green Fair. Mrs. Raffaele suggested that the fair could be called a Harvest Festival in order to attract more people. Some potential vendors could be local farmers, 4-H club, crafters, garden clubs, consignment shop, local restaurants, organic foods, games, Musconetcong Watershed Association, pumpkin painting contest, book exchange, clothing exchange, etc. Ms. Hamilton was suggested a scarecrow-making contest. It was suggested that if possible the event be held at the Mansfield Elementary School. The Green Team is considering applying for a Wal-Mart or Target grant to offset the cost of the fair.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

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

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli