

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

July 10, 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 7:45 p.m.

Present : Robert Jewell, Jennifer Keggan, Dawn Smith, Michael Misertino, Connie Andershonis, and JoAnn Fascenelli

Also Present : Ruth Pante', James McMekin, and Jim Moriarity

Environmental Commission Business: Ms. Pante' advised that Moth Night is on schedule for July 23, 2014. Mrs. Fascenelli stated the vendor has not returned a signed purchase order for the payment of signs advertising the event.

Rain Barrel Workshop: A rain barrel workshop is scheduled for September 21, 2014 commencing at 1 p.m. A decision will have to be made regarding a cutoff date for registrations. Barrels will need to be picked up and cleaned. The Green Team will investigate other means of advertising (i.e. facebook, Lehigh Valley News, etc).

Backyard Composting Workshop: Mrs. Fascenelli said there are no master gardeners in Warren County. Hunterdon and Morris Counties have master gardeners but they would have to receive permission to do a workshop/presentation in Warren County.

Dedication by Rider: Mrs. Fascenelli stated an account has been established.

TAP GRANT: Mrs. Andershonis stated the Green Team will not be applying for this grant. There were several large projects that would require updating. However, this was a great learning experience and the Green Team will be more prepared to apply for future grants.

Land Use Pledge Resolution: A draft resolution was forwarded to the Planning Board and Township Committee on June 19, 2014. Ms. Keggan stated the Planning Board did not meet in June.

Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal: Per Mrs. Smith this event is scheduled for October 25, 2014 and will be held at the Township's Police Department. The Green Team will need to start advertising the event. Records must be kept regarding the number of residents that participated as well as the number of prescriptions collected and the total weight in pounds collected. Mrs. Fascenelli suggested that a flyer be available for the Senior Citizens meetings. Mrs. Smith stated that flyers should also be posted at Weiss, Wal-Mart, and local pharmacies.

Reusable Bag Education Program: It was determined that 30 bags were distributed at the Community Day Event and 50 bags were distributed to the Senior Citizens at their regular meeting.

Feral Cats: Mrs. Fascenelli reminded the members about the large population of feral cats in the apartment complexes. The Green Team will investigate possible grants.

Township Newsletter: The Township newsletter is complete and will be mailed with the tax bills. See attachment.

Community Garden: The Green Team will start investigating grants for the 2015 growing season.

Electronic Collection Event: Mrs. Fascenelli advised the Electronic Waste and Metal Recycling Event is scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2014 to be held at the Department of Public Works Garage (1710 Route 57). Large rigid plastics will also be accepted at the same time.

Support Local Businesses: Mrs. Smith will register for the July 16, 2014 webinar regarding supporting local businesses.

Park Beautification: Mrs. Andershonis will email Mr. Tim Terry regarding possible donation of trees for the park.

Re-Certification – Ms. Keggan will provide an updated spreadsheet regarding the total amount of points required for the Township to re-certify in September 2015. Please see attached.

Ongoing Projects:

Carbon Footprint – Ms. Keggan met with Mr. Proefrock and she is ready to take over this task.

Purchasing Resolution - Mrs. Fascenelli will continue to work on this project.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

July 23, 2014 – Liberty National Moth Week – Pequest Trout Hatchery 6:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

August 16, 2014 – Washington Township (Morris County) Green Fair.

September 27, 2014 – Electronic Waste and Metal Recycling Event – Township Garage 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

September 27, 2014 – Large Rigid Plastics collection – Township Garage 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

October 4, 2014 – Mansfield Township Free Paper Shredding Event – Department of Public Works Garage – 1720 Route 57 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

October 25, 2014 – Prescription Drug Collection Event – Police Department 100 Port Murray Road.

Next Green Team Meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted

JoAnn Fascenelli