

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN

Green Team Minutes

October 14, 2010

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 7:35 p.m.

Present: Robert Jewell, Orson Kirk, Becky Harm, Jennifer Keggan, and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent: Drew Di Sessa, Kathy Todd, RJ Streng, Sherrie Tromp, and Michele Largman

Mr. Jewell received a copy of Lebanon Township's ordinance regarding small wind energy systems, solar energy, and outdoor wood-burning. The ordinance states the following:

Small Wind Energy System

1. To have a capacity of 100 kilowatts or less.
2. System height - above grade of the tower plus the wind generator.
3. Minimum 25 acres
4. Maximum height 125'
5. Setback from any property line 200' from wind mills height.
6. Generator and tower to remain painted or finished in the color or finish that was originally applied.
7. No signs visible from any public road or neighboring property.
8. Sound levels not to exceed 50 decibels as measured from a common property line.
9. Shall not cause flickering shadows on adjoining properties.
10. Cannot be installed in the front yard.

Solar Energy

1. _Permitted on the roof of buildings or on the ground.
2. Maximum height of ground mounted solar energy facility is 15'.
3. No minimum property size.

Outdoor Wood-Burning Furnaces

1. _Minimum 5 acres
2. Minimum height of chimney shall be 12' from ground level and maximum height shall be 2' above the peak of the residence.
3. Minimum setback is 200' from property line.
4. Period of Operation – October 1st – April 30th.
5. Stoves to be approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (white tag on boiler - more expensive).

Mrs. Fascenelli will obtain a copy of the ordinance and email same to the Green Team members.

Construction & Demolition Ordinance - There was a brief discussion regarding the percentage that should be recycled.

Ms. Keggan asked if we could contact Donaldson Farms regarding buying local and perhaps utilizing their farm for a fair. Donaldson Farms hold a yearly event promoting locally grown produce. The Green Team members agreed that this was a good idea and Mrs. Fascenelli will try to find a contact name and telephone number for Ms. Keggan.

There is also a category under Buy Local Programs on the Sustainable Jersey website (Support Local Businesses). It was suggested that local businesses be listed on the Township's website. Mrs. Harm will check with the Township Clerk to see if a listing is available. Mrs. Fascenelli also stated that perhaps the Police Department would have a listing. Mrs. Fascenelli said this should be brought before the Township Committee for their authorization.

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

JoAnn Fascenelli