

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

August 9, 2012

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 7:30 p.m.

Present: Jennifer Keggan, Robert Jewell, Donald Proefrock, Drew Di Sessa and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent: Michael Clancy, Dan Gross, Orson Kirk, and Kathy Todd

Green Living Festival: The participating Green Team members felt the event was very successful. Rizzo's Reptiles, Dove Environmental, and the cooking classes were well attended.

Some suggestions:

- Hold the event in May rather than July
- Start advertising for vendors sooner
- Revise the configuration (by the music – very hard to hear)
- Divide the area – vendors with information / vendors with items for sale
- Promote vendors selling items
- Add additional foods for sale
- Expand beyond local businesses

Mrs. Fascenelli emailed the individuals that signed up for information thanking them for their interest and advising the Green Team would meet this evening.

Bronze Level Certification: Ms. Keggan submitted a total of 170 points towards the bronze level certification earlier today. The bronze level of certification requires the establishment of a Green Team, implementation of 2 out of 7 priority actions, and a total of 150 points. Actions must be completed in 6 of the 16 categories. Sustainable Jersey will advise within a few weeks if the information submitted is sufficient. If additional backup is required, Sustainable Jersey will give the Green Team time to respond.

Next level is silver which requires the establishment of a Green Team, implementation of 3 out of 7 priority actions, and a total of 350 points. Action must be completed in 8 of the 16 categories.

Ms. Keggan stated that 32 municipalities submitted for certification by August 8, 2012.

Grants: Ms. Keggan explained there are 2 main grants.

1. The Clean Air-Cool Planet Community Catalyst Fund for \$250.00 to \$2,500. The Community Catalyst Fund will accept applications focused on improving the environmental sustainability, health and economic wellbeing of their communities. This is an ongoing grant.

2. Sustainable Jersey Small Grant Program for \$2,000. to \$25,000. Sustainable Jersey will be awarding (4) \$20,000 grants (8) \$10,000 grants and (20) \$2,000 capacity building grants in 2012. This grant is closed for 2012; however the Green Team will investigate possible submissions for 2013.

Potential Projects:

Mr. Proefrock stated there are a number of homes utilizing solar. Would it be possible to qualify for points for residential buildings? Ms. Keggan will check. Some other areas to investigate could be composting and rain barrels. Mr. Proefrock provided an article regarding a workshop to make rain barrels. Each participant would build a 55 gallon rain barrel, at a cost of \$60.00 per barrel. Supplies, tools and instructors provided by Rutgers Water Resource Program.

Mrs. Fascenelli advised an electronic and metal collection is scheduled for December 1, 2012.

Guidelines for Stream Cleaning from NJDEP Division of Land Use Regulation were distributed by Mrs. Fascenelli. Committeeman Watters has requested the Green Team consider looking into this type of project.

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli