

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

October 9, 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 7:30 p.m.

Present : Dawn Smith, Jennifer Keggan and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Robert Jewell, Connie Andershonis, and Michael Misertino

Also Present: Jim McMekin (Environmental Commission)

Rain Barrel Workshop: Mrs. Smith advised that 18 barrels were picked up from Coke-A-Cola (15 for residents and 3 for the Pequest Trout Hatchery). Barrels will be power washed and pre-drilled and hardware will be purchased. The Pequest Trout Hatchery will not be available for the next Rain Barrel Workshop. It was suggested that the Green Team contact the Mansfield Township Fire Department for possible arrangements regarding renting their hall/bay. Mrs. Smith volunteered to contact the Fire Department.

Backyard Composting Workshop: Mrs. Fascenelli was advised that a very informative presentation was performed at Waterloo Village. She will attempt to obtain the name and contact information for the individual that performed the workshop.

Land Use Pledge Resolution: A resolution was adopted by the Township Committee at their regular meeting held on September 24, 2014. Mrs. Fascenelli will obtain certified copies and forward same to the Zoning/Engineering Office, Mansfield Township Planning Board, and Code and Construction Office.

Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal: Mrs. Fascenelli advised on September 27, 2014 the Mansfield Township Police Department collected 55 pounds (approximately 459 bottles) of unwanted prescription drugs. A total of 33 residents participated in this event. Mrs. Smith stated that September 27, 2014 was the last time the DEA will sponsor this program and the event held in April did not qualify for Sustainable Jersey points due to reporting issues.

Reusable Bag Education Program: The Green Team will continue to hand out the reusable bags whenever possible. Bags will be compiled for the next Rain Barrel Workshop.

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.

Community Garden: Mrs. Smith expressed her concern regarding not being able to lock the gate if the community garden is located in the old tennis courts below the Municipal Building. Other possible areas for a community garden will be looked into.

Electronic Collection Event: Mrs. Fascenelli advised that 14 units containing freon, 13,806 pounds of electronics, and 2,580 pounds of scrap metal were collected at the September 27, 2014 event.

Free Paper Shredding Event: Mrs. Fascenelli stated 57 residents participated and 5,580 pounds of confidential documents were shredded on site.

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

Support Local Businesses: Ms. Keggan will work on updating this listing.

Carbon Footprint: Ms. Keggan will continue to input information for this action item.

Webinar (7/23/14): A question was raised regarding the reuse action item – “Would a town wide garage sale qualify for this action item?” No answer was available at the time of the webinar. Mrs. Fascenelli emailed the webinar host as a follow up.

Recycling Ordinance: Upon review of the Waste Management section Mrs. Fascenelli advised that the ordinance listed is for Construction and Demolition. Mrs. Fascenelli stated the Green Team previously investigated this ordinance and it was determined that the Township does not have the ability to enforce the ordinance.

Next Green Teaming Meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted

JoAnn Fascenelli