

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

January 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 : Donald Proefrock, Robert Jewell, Jennifer Keggan and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Orson Kirk, Drew Di Sessa, Laura Valderrama, and Michael Clancy

Also Present: Michael Misertino, Dawn Smith and Environmental Members Ruth Pante', Glenn Todd, and James McMekin

2014 Liaisons for the Environmental / Green Team – Chair Person Joe Watters and Vice Chair Person Michael Misertino.

Mr. Misertino attended in Mr. Watter's stead. Introductions were made. Ms. Keggan explained to Mr. Misertino how Sustainable Jersey works and gave him their web-site information. Mr. Misertino expressed his interest in the Green Teams activities.

**Zumbathon:** Mrs. Fascenelli advised that Ms. Valderrama called and suggested that the Zumbathon date and time be revised to February 1, 2014 (4:00 pm – 6:30 pm). She also advised that Mansfield Fire Company will not accept credit card payments due to the cost involved. However, their web-site will allow pre-registration and the price of \$ 5.00 can be paid at the door. Ms. Valderrama will revise the flyer to reflect the revisions.

- Price \$5.00 pre-registered and \$10.00 at the door. Mansfield Township Fire Department will collect the keep all the proceeds from this event.
- Green Team will supply the instructor at no charge.
- Any questions regarding the event will be directed to the Fire Department (hall rental.com28fire).
- The Mansfield Township Fire Department Hall has a capacity of 150 people.

The following avenues can be utilized to promote the event:

- Local Paper (Warren Reporter)
- WRNJ
- Comcast Channel
- Treasure Hunt
- Fire Department & Municipal Web-sites
- Fire Department Face Book
- Flyers

**Rain Barrel Workshop:** Mrs. Fascenelli stated that the Township Committee approved the necessary resolution to apply for the Sustainable Jersey grant. All of the applicable documents were given to Ms. Keggan for submission to Sustainable Jersey.

Mrs. Fascenelli contacted New Jersey Clean Communities for authorization to use grant money for this project. She will advise the outcome of the request at the next Green Team meeting.

Mrs. Fascenelli will contact the state regarding establishing a dedicated trust by rider for the Green Team. This will enable to Green Team to have a Township Trust Account.

**Ongoing Projects:**

**Carbon Footprint** – Mr. Proefrock advised additional information is required to complete the 2013. Mrs. Fascenelli will compile the missing documents.

**Purchasing Resolution** – Mrs. Fascenelli will continue to update the resolution.

**Community Garden** – Proposed site is the old tennis courts. Mrs. Fascenelli asked Mr. Proefrock to include compost bins in the concept drawing. Mrs. Fascenelli will forward a memo to the Township Committee seeking their guidance on this project.

**Backyard Composting Workshop** – Mrs. Fascenelli received approval from the State to use Recycling Tonnage Grant money for a workshop. Pequest Trout Hatchery volunteered their auditorium and expressed an interest in participating/presenting as well. Mrs. Fascenelli will follow up with Pequest.

Mrs. Smith stated that it's important to get the word out about the Green Team and volunteered to help in this endeavor. Perhaps actions items can be listed on the Township web-site. With regards to the community garden, maybe the Cub Scouts could help. Mrs. Smith also suggested along with a community garden to have a tree seedling area. Seedlings (Red Oak, Sugar Maple, Dogwood, etc.) can be purchased from the County at a very reasonable price. This way the Township would be able to replace dead and fallen trees at very little cost.

**Points required to maintain Bronze Lever Certification** – Mrs. Fascenelli asked Ms. Keggan to advise at the next meeting how many points are required and how many points can be carried over from the original certification.

**2014 Township Resolution** - The Green Team agreed to the following:

Remove – Orson Kirk and Michael Clancy

Add - Laura Valderrama, Michael Misertino, and Elaine Drazek

Ms. Keggan will advise Mr. Di Sessa of the revisions so the resolution can be updated accordingly.

**Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection Event** – scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Warren County District Landfill. Mrs. Fascenelli will request that this information be placed on the Township's web-site.

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli