

## **Green Team Minutes**

**February 26, 2019**

**Members Present:** Jerry Barron, Mary Ann Cernak, Freddy Dare, Martha Harvey, Nick Huszar, Lauren Lastimoso, Kathi Novak, Evelyn O'Donnell, Deputy Mayor, Mike Rizzo, Brian Tannenhaus, Elaine Taylor

**Guests:** Rosemarie Bird, Valerie Leone, Joan Osborne, Tommy Russo, Councilman, Sandra Solly, Howell Organic Community Gardens: Kathy Giri, Richard Pereira, Sandy Wolfe

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm and January 29, 2019 minutes approved by members

### **Discussion:**

**E.R.I./N.R.I.** (Environmental Resource Inventory also known as Natural Resource Inventory) Sustainable Jersey grant application was completed and submitted by Nick

**2018 Sustainable Jersey Master Action Tracking Spreadsheet** (updated 7/19/18) copies provided by Evelyn were distributed.

**Howell Township Green Team Facebook** – Rosemarie Bird has the password from Grace Lowry who previously managed the site. The consensus on how to manage it was to keep it green Team specific and to stay away from blogs.

**Howell Organic Community Gardens (501c3):** Members present talked about the community garden and their need for a fence around it to keep out the rabbits. Joan Osborne and Mary Ann Cernak will help them in applying for an ANJEC (Association of NJ Environmental Commissions) \$1500 grant to help pay for the fence. The deadline for this grant is April 15, 2019.

**Farmers Market** – Elaine reported the market will begin Sunday June 9 and continue through September 29, 2019. Hours will be from 10 – 2 in the Investors Bank, 4255 U.S. 9 north, Howell (next to QuickChek & CVS), parking lot. In addition to local farmer's produce there will also be crafters.

**Statement of Commitment:** Jerry reminded members who have not signed a S.O.C. to do so and return it to the Township Clerk.

**Rules for Running a Green Team Meeting:** (1) Follow a written agenda prepared by the Chair/Vice Chair to stay on task. (2). Meetings should be no longer than 1 hour with most of work being accomplished between meetings.

**Tower Gardens:** Mary Ann & Martha are applying for 3 grants at Manasquan Bank for school tower gardens. The goal is to have tower gardens in all K-8 Howell schools.

**Community Outreach:** Using Howell TV channel 77 to educate and inform about waste management, e.g. recycling, composting and swapping was suggested by Elaine.

**Sustainable Jersey Certification:** Rosemarie Bird is creating a user friendly excel spread sheet to track actions of when they originated and when they will come due. Nick will help get the information she needs to complete the spreadsheet. Brian spent time teaching Green Team members about the actions/points requirements and the goal of the Green Team regarding recertification in 2021.

**Green Team Minutes:** Only official Green Team members will get a copy of the minutes for editing additions & corrections before members approve them at the next meeting. Anyone who wants to be a Green Team member can apply at any time.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm**

**Next Meeting March 26, 2019 at 7:00pm**

Minutes submitted by:

Kathi Novak

Member