

Green Team Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Call Meeting to Order 7:02pm

Roll Call: Lisa Doud, Jerry Barron, John Nehlia, Larry White, Maryann Cernak, Nick Huszar, Paul Novello, Lara Casper, Phillip Di Benedetto

January Meeting Minutes approved.

Discussion:

1. Recertification – Next Submission Due June 2025
 - a. Review Sustainable Jersey Actions
 - b. Send Teams to GT members for review
 - c. Gold Star Project – GT members to review Items needed for Water Gold Star
2. Farmer's Market – Jerry
 - a. First Market to be held on May 21st at Echo Lake
 - b. 2023 – every Sunday at Echo Lake
3. Food Recycling/Composting - Lisa/John
 - a. Composting Workshop at Earth Day – Sat, 4/22
 - b. Work with Community Garden to host Composting Workshop in the fall
4. Community Partnerships - MaryAnn
 - a. Continuing to work with Erin Fedina on partnership projects with school Green & Environmental Teams
 - b. Working on possible Middle School & H/S liaison that would be invited to GT meeting
 - c. First Energy Grant – May 5th Middle School South – planting 30 fruit trees & distributing 800 seedlings
 - d. Continuing to work on student representatives for GT, STC &
 - e. MaryAnn joined Municipal Alliance to represent GT
5. PSEG Grant – 2023 - Lisa/MaryAnn
 - a. \$2,000 PSEG Grant – Easy Street Community Wildlife Habitat – Native Planting Project & Certification
 - b. \$10,000 PSEG Grant – Soldier Memorial & Monmouth Ridings Rain Gardens
 - c. Grants to be announced in May
6. Community Wildlife Habitat – Saturday, April 29th – Maintenance & Planting
7. Winston Park Maintenance Day – Saturday, May 13th – Rain Date – Saturday, May 20th
8. EV Car Demonstration – 2023 EV Demo at Howell Day – Larry to get insurance info from town
9. Howell - First Step Recognition – NJ Safe Routes Program – review next steps and coordinating programs with schools
10. Howell Earth Day Event – Saturday, April 22nd – 9am-2pm
 - a. Need volunteers for seedling distribution and assisting with speakers
 - b. Exhibit tables will be free
 - c. Reached out to NJDEP, NJ American Water & First Energy regarding exhibiting – NJ DEP will be giving out info on EV's
11. Discussed the Howell Central Complex – flooding issues and reaching out to Rutgers to look at site and possibly apply for a grant to mitigate flooding at the site

Adjourned Meeting 8:05pm