

# Green Team Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Call Meeting to Order 7:05pm

Roll Call: Lisa Doud, Jerry Barron, John Nehlia, Larry White, Maryann Cernak, Nick Huszar, Susan Fischer, Phillip Di Benedetto

February Meeting Minutes approved.

## Discussion:

1. Discussion – reviewed request from former intern Nakul Sangolli – regarding scheduling a follow up call to review re-certification for his school requirements. Will forward several days/times for review
  2. April Meeting Special Guest - Steven Bass Sustainable NJ Energy Team to discuss initiatives in the Energy area including: Town vehicle Fleet Electrification, Vehicle replacement schedule, Best practices for EVs, Charging infrastructure
  3. Recertification – Next Re-certification deadline is June 2025
  4. Teams - review the spreadsheet that indicates completed tasks highlighted in yellow  
Begin to prioritize future tasks
  5. Solar Capacity – discussed that new construction be required to have the capacity for solar panels.  
Nick – Planning Board discussed that buildings must be “solar ready”, but no mandatory installations.  
Follow up on regulations and requirements for buildings regarding solar installation
  6. New Projects for Certification
    - Municipal Water Story – requires Enhanced Stormwater Plan
    - Lead in water supply education
    - Maryann and Lisa - researching potential grant for Municipal Water Story
  7. Solar Installations – Phil recapped ANJEC seminar on solar – discussed researching town ordinances for developers regarding solar, and other environmental enhancements in building projects
    - Nick – investigate any mandates for developers on solar installations & charging bays
    - Discussed new ordinances that support sustainable development
    - Larry discussed Community Solar initiative that might provide incentives for developers to go solar
  8. Farmer’s Market – Jerry  
Starts on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Echo Lake – parking has been expanded
  9. Food Recycling/Composting – Lisa/John  
Possible Composting/Rain Garden/Rain Barrel Workshop at Community Garden
    - Research costs on home organic food composting solution for kitchen
  10. Community Partnerships – MaryAnn – continuing to work with schools with various projects  
First Energy Grant – Middle School South & PTO – May 5<sup>th</sup> - planting of 30 fruit trees and distribution of 800 Oak seedlings  
MaryAnn continues to work with schools on grants and other programs
  11. PSEG Grant – Lisa/MaryAnn/Jerry
    - May notification for \$10k Rain Garden Grant and \$2k Native Plant Grant
    - Completion of Grant Items & close grant by end of January
  12. Community Wildlife Habitat/Pollinator Garden – Work Day – April 29<sup>th</sup>
  13. Winston Park Maintenance Day – Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – Rain Date – Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>
  14. Earth Day – April 21<sup>st</sup>
    - Seedling giveaway – need volunteers for tree tagging @ DPW on 4/21 12-4 pm
    - Workshops – Composting, Shade tree care, Audobon Society, Pollinator gardens
  15. EV Car Demonstration – Larry to followup with Brian T on insurance requirement with Township
  16. Howell - First Step Recognition – NJ Safe Routes Program – review next steps
- Adjourned Meeting 8:20pm