

Green Team Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Call Meeting to Order 7:05pm

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

March Meeting Minutes approved.

Presentation

Sustainable Jersey - Resources, Incentives & Best Practices for EVSE and Fleet Initiative

Tracy Woods & Stephen Bass – reviewed transportation initiatives currently available. It was informative, and we reviewed some incentives to promote EVs and charging stations. We will review the township fleet inventory compiled last year by Nakul, and review the potential replacement of aging vehicles with EVs.

Discussion:

1. EV Car Demonstration – Larry to follow up with Township on insurance for EV Test Drive
2. Sustainable Jersey Grants – announcement for \$2k and \$10k next week
3. Farmers Market is set to open on May 21 – good selection of vendors & new location at Echo Lake!
4. Composting Workshop – at Earth Day Event
Continuing to work on fall composting workshop with Master Gardeners
5. Recertification – Next Re-certification deadline is June 2025
Teams - review the spreadsheet that indicates completed tasks highlighted in yellow
Begin to prioritize future tasks
6. Food Recycling – discussed ANJEC food recycling webinar and possibility of food recycling program moving forward
7. Community Partnerships – MaryAnn – continuing to work with schools with various projects
First Energy Grant – Middle School South & PTO – May 5th - planting of 30 fruit trees and distribution of 800 Oak seedlings
MaryAnn & Larry are on the BOE Community Interaction Committee
Larry engaging with Middle School North for potential fall student programs
- Middle School North having a “Hooked on Fishing” event
- NJ Audubon – sponsoring a summer institute for Middle School teachers to develop Interdisciplinary curriculum for climate
8. Howell - First Step Recognition – NJ Safe Routes Program – MaryAnn to review at Alliance meeting
- Explore a presentation by NJ Safe Routes regarding the program
9. Community Wildlife Habitat/Pollinator Garden – Work Day – April 29th
10. Winston Park Maintenance Day – Saturday, May 13th – Rain Date – Saturday, May 20th
11. Earth Day – April 21st
- 130 people received seedlings giveaway
- Workshops – were good – not as many attendees as anticipated
- Next year need to promote workshops earlier & book speakers in January
12. Howell Day applications are currently available

Adjourned Meeting 8:13pm