Green Team Minutes

April 30, 2019

Members Present: Mary Ann Cernak, Martha Harvey, Nick Huszar, Valerie Leone, Kathi Novak, Evelyn O’Donnell - Deputy Mayor, Brian Tannenhaus, Elaine Taylor

Guests: Joan Osborne, Sandra Solly, Rosemarie Bird

Meeting called to order at 7:16pm and March 26, 2019 minutes approved by members

Discussion:

School Projects

Mary Ann reported:

- Adelphia, Newbury, and Taunton schools were each awarded a $500 grant from Manasquan Bank for Tower Gardens.
- In recognition of the Middle School South students in the Projects + class, for their plastic solution video projects, a breakfast was being planned by the Environmental Commission, Green Team and Shade Tree Commission members. Mayor Berger and Deputy Mayor O’Donnell will also attend and present them with a proclamation.

Farmers Market – Tentatively scheduled for Sunday June 9 continuing weekly through September 29, 2019 at Investors Bank next to QuickChek & CVS. Planning is ongoing as reported by Elaine

Community Outreach: Brian T. met with Brian Geoghegan, Township Manager regarding channel 77. Any items the GT would like to have on Howell TV should be sent to Brian G. It was also noted that many Howell residents do not have Optimum and do not get channel 77.

Brian T. gave an update on a magazine that is interested in writing an article about the formation of the Howell Green Team.

Green Team Goals – Listed in order of priority

Evelyn suggested rather than sending emails to Town Council a GT representative should present the following GT initiatives to Council at a Town Council meeting to see if Council would be supportive of any of the following:

1. Community Sustainability Plan
2. Storm Water Management
3. Local Economies
4. Reducing/banning single use plastic bags
5. Swapping/recycling-Town wide curb alert like “Freecycle” in Asbury Park.
Sustainable Jersey Actions – People have signed up for specific Sustainable Jersey actions they would like to work on. Nick has sent the updated list to GT members and guests who have signed up.

Howell Day/Green Fair (9-21-2019) Evelyn suggested GT should be working on brochures now for the Howell Day/Green Fair to be submitted by June for State printing.

Excel spreadsheets – Howell’s SJ actions tracking spreadsheet was completed by Rosemarie Bird.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm
Next Meeting May 28 at 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by:
Kathi Novak
Member