Green Team Minutes

July 30, 2019

Members Present: Jerry Barron, Mary Ann Cernak, Nick Huszar, Lauren Lastimosa, Valerie Leone, Kathi Novak, Mike Rizzo, Brian Tannenhaus, Elaine Taylor

Guests: Tom Cook, Grace Lowry, Joan Osborne, Sandra Solly

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm and June 25, 2019 minutes approved by members

Discussion:

School Projects – Mary Ann reported on many proposed school projects. Collaborating programs of interest with the 2 middle schools environmental clubs and the Howell Green Team & Environmental Commission members is one area of focus for September.

Farmers Market – Several people met with Joe Clark, Township attorney to discuss the next steps in creating a Howell Farmer’s market. Formation of an LLC and 501c3 by a group of interested people was recommended in order to have it on Township property. Brian T. pointed out these recommendations are in line with State guidelines. Having a Fall Harvest day may not be practical this October as many vendors book their events 6 months to a year in advance.

Community Outreach: The Green Team had a table at the Howell Chamber of Commerce event in July and brochures about the Green Team were available. Several people expressed interest and were invited to attend a GT meeting.

ERI – Kratzer Environmental Services was awarded the contract for the ERI who specialize in environmental and natural resource inventories. These reports provide comprehensive coverage of a township’s environment, providing an inventory of what is currently known about the physical and biological environment and the human influence on the environment. The extensive use of GIS maps aids visualization of the distribution and inter-relationships of resources. http://www.kratzerenv.com/

Electric Charging Stations – Brian T. and Paul Novello picked the sites for the 2 stations: the Howell Library and the Township municipal building.

Natural Resource Working Group – A small group of people representing the environmentally related township committees will begin meeting again in September.

Howell Day/Green Fair:

- Saturday, September 21, 2019 - 3:00pm–8:00pm (Fireworks to conclude)
- Paul Novello has the frog with bean bags
- Suggestions are needed for a give away

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm
Next Meeting August 27, 2019 at 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by:
Kathi Novak, Member