

MINUTES OF THE GREEN TEAM OF MOUNTAIN LAKES, NJ

January 22nd, 2021 10:30am

Meeting via Zoom

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Jobita Anguisaca, Janet Horst, Mimi Kaplan, Marnie Vyff, Meghan Leininger, Cynthia Korman, Carol Jee and Lauren Barnett

1. Welcome and overview

2. Resolutions:

Meeting Minutes from 1/15/21 were approved, all were in favor. Meeting Minutes will be posted on the Green Team website. Meghan will contact Marnie or Cara Fox to upload to town's website. Minutes are not required to be posted.

3. Minutes:

Review of Strategies for Certification. (Please see attached form from Janet.)

- A possible community project could be the TEK benches placed around town. Mimi to investigate.
- Green Infrastructure Planning - Living Shoreline: Lake Management is under Chris Richter and Thomas Menard. There was a power point about shorelines that went out to Bob Schindler that Mimi and Janet will have about the Earth Day Living Shorelines Pilot Project from Nov. 9th.
- Green Infrastructure - Rain Garden: Magic Garden (creator of Rain Garden,) wrote up a proposal which will be used for this credit.
- Historic Preservation: Currently in the master plan but needs to be reviewed. To be considered for the master plan overhaul in 2023.
- Marnie to take care of all the tree related actions, speak to Chris and make sure that the actions done by the Shade Tree Commission will be executed properly.
- Med disposal: Option to have (2) events in the course of one year. To combine it with shredding and trash days potentially. Mimi can coordinate and contact the pharmacies near town (CVS and Walgreens in Parsippany,) ML is too small of a town to have 24/7 surveillance of Meds drop off box. See if we can contact Fire Chief Bennett to incorporate the meds disposal in to eco weekend instead? Could we partner with Parsippany and volunteer our police officers as an incentive.
- Recycling and waste education: Marnie did the brochure which has the budget to be reprinted and sent to the community as education and informational packet. Each page that goes out can count for 1 action. Possible to keep the colors on certain pages in color for priority actions. Contact Doug or Fire Department about recycling.
- Reusable orange bags: Should we hand them out as people sign their participation forms at trash day? There are about 50-100 orange bags leftover from previous event. Was very successful at Trout Derby. Carol would like to spearhead an event that utilizes the bags. Marnie will help facilitate. Jovita suggested to put the form in the Virtual Backpack email as recommended to add it to the town wide email blast. Cynthia suggested that the Medical Needs Foundation would love to help with the bags and signing of forms. Plastic bag bans are going in to effect this year.
- Creative Team: Document the Arts on the Esplanade from '18 & '19 as examples of community involvement from the arts. Get the pdf on how the woman from the library publicized it. Cynthia

suggested that Angela and Michael could do some sort of improv for community development. Have decided that the team will be a stand alone entity and be known more as a Arts Council which opens to greater arts actions than just Sustainable NJ. Sheik is a champion for the arts and has a theater background and could have momentum if he is involved. First step is to have the town council approve of the Arts Council, then e-mail blast to include all members of the community, then have a zoom meeting to discuss ideas and projections for the group. Marnie has previous community outreach experiences with the movie nights (Marnie has lots of movies,) and better bag challenge. Have a movie night via zoom? Jovita and Mark can work on it with Marnie and the EC Liasons. Carol suggested showing the 'Biggest Little Farm,' movie and possible host a movie night in the future on the beach.

- Anti-Idling: Paul can help Jovita for this credit. Lisa Lee is on board, Mimi has magnets and info from when she started the initiative. Areas to consider are Laurel Hill/Craig School. Re-educate police to enforce it next year.

- Smoke Free: Place a sign at the beach.

Next meeting to take place via Zoom February 5th, 2021

Adjourned 12:07pm