

MINUTES OF THE GREEN TEAM OF MOUNTAIN LAKES, NJ

April 02, 2021 10:30am

Meeting via Zoom

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

1. Welcome and overview

2. Resolutions:

Meeting Minutes from 3/5/21 were approved, Mimi initiated, Janet second. 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:

At Garden Club's annual Plant Sale Saturday May 8th, Green Team will have a table and hand out bags and sell rain barrels and compost bins. Maddy from Maker Space is going to do a 3D tree root printing. Bouquets of flowers will be for sale.

To submit to Sustainable NJ a 300 word essay and supporting documents will need to be uploaded to the website. Janet will contact us individually to review the actions we are working on. Over 40 actions or 125 points have been completed or approved. Marni previously submitted all the actions, but Janet will be taking the lead. Marni and Meghan can work on the image files to format appropriately. Lauren can send individual pages or send a quick bullet point of what has happened and how the administration has been involved. There is a link on the boro website for recycling guidelines where Janet has been referencing the info. Janet needs support from us and council to contact Mitchell about actions involving boro hall. Cynthia asked Mitchell if energy bills are broken out by building and he said they are. Janet to send Mitchell her spreadsheet of questions. Marni, Janet, Mimi and Mitchell to meet to discuss their actions.

Jovita is working with Officer Gill to discuss pedestrian safety. Has gotten the run around on the anti-idling policy. Gill to help with missing education component as people unaware that idling is against the law. Hope the principals and the schools in on the anti-idling action by sending out fliers at beginning of school and reinforced by the police at non-school sites. Mitchell should be present at Council meeting and signs become a DPW ordinance. Need a sign off from council to get 5-6 signs. Perhaps put up temporary signs or the electronic sign in certain locations for 3 days. \$250 for 1st offense if idling for more than 3 minutes.

Marni is working with the fire department for her actions, interviewing fire chief, emergency planning, and set it all up on the internet.

Tom Menard and Alison Ramkin are working on the living shoreline project. Mimi waiting on status if this is actually happening or not. Clarification needs to be made on the vegetative buffer and distance to shoreline. Mimi to contact Audrey Lane as she is a council liaison.

Arts Council is developing steadily. Team is trying to work out the legal process of what type of organization it wants to be and how the long term goals would be best met with what type of organization. We should embellish what has already happened for the Arts Council. Lauren sent

the walking tour link and Arts on the Esplanade. We need a business to be included on the Arts Council, Lionel Trains, Shaw family, The Station and Hapgoods were mentioned as possible interests. Each member is working on their sections for the Sustainable NJ action as well. Hope to give a more full report after the April meeting.

2005 state law states that municipalities can prohibit smoking and Mountain Lakes can accept this as part of their ordinances. A 'no smoking' sign at the beach could be placed on the wall by the other rules at the beaches along with a 'no dog' sign.

Clean communities program 25% of cost can be dispersed for storm drains and abating graffiti. Need an info session on composting. It would be nice to have a data base for native shrubs and trees. Would be nice to find a easy way to plant a butterfly garden and make sure plants are native. Arbor day society sells trees.

Adjourned 12:20pm