

# MINUTES OF THE GREEN TEAM OF MOUNTAIN LAKES, NJ

May 14th, 2021 10:30am

Meeting via Zoom

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

Meeting Minutes from 4/02/21 have been approved given the name change of Allison Rankin.

Carol Jee re: SJ Action: Reusable Bag Education reported the following:

- Green Team sponsored a table at the Garden Club's Annual Spring Plant Sale - May 8th @ Island Beach
- We had two phenomenal MLHS students who worked the Plant Sale crowd garnishing 57 Better Bag Pledges: Elizabeth Hirshfield and Eric Lee.
- GT needs to investigate how to fund a new order of bag-in-bag pledge giveaways and/or a window cling reminder to folks to bring reusable bags when shopping. Possibly all thru our Clean Communities grant award. Carol, Marney and Janet to f/u. Carol would like to order window clings for businesses in town and see if it helps consumers remember their bags.
- Green Team will exhibit at Trout Derby: stocking 5/21 and fishing event the next morning on 5/22. Meghan and Marney to coordinator. At the Trout Derby there will be handouts for how to clean and maintain your reusable bags, anti-idling information and keychains and a sign up for the better bag challenge (we will have examples of the bags,) Recycling brochure, as well as the other information that was presented at the Plant Sale.

Marney

- In the recycling brochure, each page qualifies as a point towards sustainable NJ.
- For recycling and waste education - there is a plan to have the mailer sent out again in the fall, having blurbs at the end of the townwide e-blast, as well as handing them out at the DPW. This should qualify us for the credit.
- Grass cut it and leave it - Janet has the material and will write up the credit

Cynthia

- The paper shredding and recycling day was a huge success. Had 3.75 tons of paper collected and the Fire Department had a lot of money donated.

Jovita

- Townwide anti-idling campaign very successful. Sargeant Gill did all the fliers and handed our keychains to promote anti-idling. He also coordinated a large safe walk/bike to school event. Plans on doing three more events.

Carol left the meeting.

Janet

- energy traffic and management - (accounts payable that's in a format that Sustainable NJ set up.)  
after the town hall renovations are finished we can see the before and after savings cost.

Lauren

- Economic Development - a lot of the group's focus has been on zoning or new business. 1st mailing went out to local businesses to support them but haven't gotten little response. Need to find the appropriate contacts. Will look in to the Chamber of Commerce to see if that will help obtain contact information as well as going door to door.

Overall

Built in to the strategy 470 points but really only need 380 points to achieve Silver Status.

Mimi

- Water conservation needs to be taken off  
- Brownfields - Speedway removal requires paperwork but hoping to achieve 5 points for the clean up.  
- Climate adaptation flood risk - does the dam qualify for this credit? See if the work has already been done for this credit. Janet will take a look at the flooding tool program and maybe Bill Ryden has the information regarding this.

Meghan

- Historic Preservation - Marney sent all the information regarding Historic Preservation and will attend the meeting on the 18th. See historic ordinances in the database - See keyword that says 10-19 passed in 19, ordinance #10.

Marney

- 5 tree actions and protections ordinance and 2 actions were approved. Marney only has plantings and maintenance left.

Janet

- Will apply for some grants, a few offered from Sustainable NJ. The PSE&G grant could be part of the group.

Jovita

- Environmental Club at Briarcliff is going to clean up the garbage around Briarcliff. Dr. Azar also handed out anti-idling fliers.

We have a number of SJ Actions to discuss in June. Do we act on them or opt out:

- Support Local Businesses 10 pts
- Update/Retrofit Water Conservation 10 pts
- Historic Preservation Element 10 pts

Meeting adjourned 11:43am

Next Meeting: June 4th 10:30am via Link on Zoom.