

Borough of Park Ridge Green Team – Minutes for Meeting of July 7, 2011

Attendance: S. Hopper, J. McDermott, B. Beattie, G. Bottinor, B. Thomasen, B. Coleman, K. & K. Stearns, V. Lemba, B. Voza,

Tour of Pump House and Sub Station

Bill Beattie provided Green Team members with the opportunity to tour the Pump House & Electric Substation, and to show the history and evolution of the water and electric utilities in the Borough. Thank you Bill

Recap of Green Fair and suggestions for 2012

All agreed Green Fair was success, considering the short timeframe we had to pull it together. Thank you letters have been sent out to PR DPW Water and Sewer Department, Pascack Sustainability Group, A&P, SMAC, Project Porchlight, Hertz and Park Ridge Water Department. Public was receptive to Green Pledge and enjoyed receiving the plants distributed by Green Team members. Suggestion for next year is to include the Composting Bins for demonstration and sale and greening the event including increased recycling.

Recap of Katherine's Water Conservation Project

Katherine reported her presentation on water conservation to 300 West Ridge students and teachers was well-received with a high level of interactive participation by the students. Suggestions were made for Katherine to make additional presentations to small groups of Day Camp attendees before camp is over. Keiko said that she would review the SNJ paperwork to submit for SNJ in the future.

Recycling Update

1. Recycling Bins Plan B Status - Steve advised the Mayor had requested feedback from Chamber of Commerce as to the specific reasons certain members had for opposing the recycling bins. Brittney reported that 7 – 10 members responded and the overwhelming majority opposed the number of bins (23) proposed and only 1 member's opposition was due to the advertising component. Steve reported he and Barbara had worked on reducing the number of bins in the downtown to 15, with the remainder (8) to be placed at fields and tennis courts. Steve also discussed the map he has been working on to show the (15) locations.
2. School Recycling Update – East Brook, West Ridge and High Schools have each been awarded a \$1,000.00 grant by the BCUA, based on Vinnie's plan. Vinnie advised the plans can be implemented with the \$1,000.00, but the true total for each school, with all interior, exterior and sheds included, would be \$2,500.00. Barbara reported she had contacted Bob Wright to ask if Board of Ed would be open to the idea of funding the gap between the \$1,000 grant awarded to each school and all (or some) of the remaining items. Bob said anything is possible, but we need to present a plan to BOE. Barbara, Vinnie, James and Steve to meet with Bob before month's end for him to present to BOE in August. Barbara suggested next year's grant applications should also include Our Lady of Mercy School.

Sustainable New Jersey Progress Update/Grant Opportunity

1. James reported 220 Points and 4 Priority Items were Submitted on 6/28 for Bronze Certification and review by Sustainable Jersey is in Progress.
2. Additional Points to Submit in 2011, High Performance Municipal Bldg, Need SEP, Anti idling, Katherine's Project? - JM
3. After meeting with Brigitte, it was agreed we would submit for \$10,000.00 grant from SNJ. Need M & C Grant Resolution for 2011 and need to submit by July 22, 2011. Submission to include:
 - Natural Resource Inventory as basis of the Grant Submission-\$7,500 cost for Borough Planner
 - \$1,000 will be submitted for the Green Team Capacity Building as per SNJ, and will include a plan for SNJ target items for Silver Certification in 2012 and will need prior approval from M & C. James to meet with Helene.
 - GT has recommended to M & C the following 3 choices for the remaining \$1,500:
 - i. Certify the Municipal Bldg as LEED O & M to encourage the LEED ND Ordinance in the Neighborhood Business District. Bldg has many LEED Pts existing and it qualifies for the Energy Performance Prerequisite - James to provide narrative.
 - ii. My Sisters Garden at Sulak - Barbara to provide narrative.
 - iii. 1 Recycling Bin outside Borough Hall – James to provide narrative.

New Items/Suggestions

Betsy suggested the Green Team should walk the Pascack Brook. James suggested the Green Team create a "Green Map" of Park Ridge, application for Free Consulting for Green Mapping due to SNJ on 7/29. M & C need to approve the application for the Free Consulting, James to discuss with Helene.

Discussion/Homework

Discussion regarding what has been started this past year by the GT and the future work needed for these programs. Suggestions of creating Sub Committees that work on specific projects like the School Recycling Program to make sure the program is successful and continued after implementation. This will require additional volunteering time for GT members. Also discussed was that the 2011 SNJ Bronze application was based on many programs already in place or planned by the Borough and that the GT worked to plan, organize and document the info together for the certification. Additionally the GT did put together the Green Fair and other points that contributed to the application. For an SNJ Silver Certification in the future, there will also need to be additional work from all GT members for various projects.

Next Meeting – August 16, 2011

**Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Coleman, Secretary**