

Borough of Park Ridge Green Team - Meeting Minutes - June 7, 2011

Attendees: J. McDermott, S. Hopper, D. Cawood, B. Coleman, G. Bottinor, R. Crisaffi, R. Oppelt, K. & K. Stearns

Green Fair at Town Picnic June 11th

Green Fair Plan/Layout/Vendors – Each member will sign up for a time to “man the booth”. Barbara and Danielle will arrive early for set-up and greeting Green Fair vendors. Green Fair tables will be set-up on the south side of the brook, in front of the fence. Each vendor will have a table.

Confirmed Vendors:

Pascack Valley Sustainability Group

SMAC – Solar Manufacturing And Construction

Project Porchlight (CFL bulbs)

Hertz (EV)

GT Table will include EPA Lorax activity books and NJDEP coloring books for children, display of water conservation kits, display of Greenway household products donated by A&P, PRGT informational tri-fold, anti-idling information, Energy Star and DEP information, individual green action items and pledge sign-up for adults (each person that takes the pledge will receive herb plant). Will raffle off LORAX books for kids, reusable shopping bag with A&P Greenway products and other “green” books for adults.

Recycling Update

Recycling Bins - Steve reported back and forth between Council members. Still no action has been taken as yet on the recycling bins, due to concerns over advertising on them and the number of bins proposed. Alternative solution would be to place some bins at schools, where they are also needed, and which would make up the difference between BCUA grant money and amounts needed to fully implement. Also, only Councilmen Viola and Kane went to Emerson to view the recycling bins (with advertising) recently installed and were in favor of working out a plan to get bins for Park Ridge.

Announcement of Grant awards for schools by BCUA should be received by the end of this month, with receipt of funds by Sept/Oct. School recycling will be rolled out on a school-by-school basis, beginning with West Ridge, when/if funds are received.

Sustainable New Jersey Progress Update/Grant Opportunity

Fleet Inventory/Energy Star Priority Item Submitted. Total of 4 Priority Items and 200 points (after Green Fair) - should have enough to receive Bronze Certification.

Additional Points to Submit 2011 - Green Fair and Pledge at Town Picnic should give us what is needed for points. Anti-idling will require M&C to pass a resolution to enforce.

Sustainable Jersey/WalMart Grant - Team asked Bob Oppelt if the Planning Board would consider applying for a NJS Grant to complete the Natural Resources Inventory that is mentioned as a goal in the PR 2009 Master Plan. Bob said he would review the application materials provided with other members of Planning Board and get back to us. The Sustainable Jersey Grant Application needs to get organized quickly in order to submit and to receive up to \$25,000 to complete Natural Resources Inventory. **Deadline for Grant is July 22, 2011.**

LEED ND Ordinance Follow up from USGBC NJ – James spoke to USGBCNJ Chapter and they are willing to do a presentation on LEED ND and other projects in NJ. James will coordinate for a future meeting. They also mentioned that there may be a Grant opportunity in the future from NJS for the LEED ND ordinance.

Steve will speak to Lyn Beer, Nick Saluzzi and Bob Ludwig regarding how to encourage the ordinance on future projects. Bob O said that the smaller projects in town get approved by a permit and inspection. LEED education would need to occur to encourage the ordinance.

LEED ND Low Cost/No Cost Points – Roseanne will prepare and provide information at next meeting.

Community Project Update – Held over to next meeting.

New Items

Water Conservation Education - Katherine gave a short description of the Water Conservation program she has been working on for the past year to educate students at West Ridge School on water conservation. Katherine will be doing a school-wide assembly on June 20th. Suggestions were made for Katherine to allow filming of the presentation so that it can be also used at East Brook and possibly on PKRG to increase her audience. Keiko and Katherine have offered to submit this as a NJS Point for Education possible for 2011 or 2012.

Styrofoam Recycling - Vinny asked if anyone was aware of recycling the Styrofoam from boxes. Team will research options.

Pump House Tour - James asked Bill if he could give the Pump House Tour in July and Bill said that he could. July Meeting Date will have to be determined based on Bill's schedule.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Coleman