

Borough of Park Ridge Green Team - Minutes for Meeting of October 5, 2011 @ Train Station

Commenced: 7:30 p.m., Adjourned: 9:30 p.m.

Attendance: J. McDermott, D. Cawood, B. Coleman, S. Hopper, V. Lemba, B. Oppelt, J. Roehmer, George Bottinor

Additional attendees: B. Bogert, M. Falcon, M. Viola, P. Montalbano

Recycling Update

Municipal Recycling Bins Status

1. Kelley informed James that the Bins were not discussed at last M & C meeting b/c of Hurricane Irene issues on the agenda.
2. B. Bogert discussed the combined information for the Borough Recycling to develop a Flyer for the Residents and the Schools. Information from NJ Law, the Borough Code, Previous Borough Flyer, Waste Hauler and Recycling Center were inconsistent. M. Viola advised that the Borough needs to be updated to reflect the current NJ Laws. He advised that the GT would be the most credible group to update all the information to modify the code. George recommended that future Waste contracts are bid on a Municipal Spec with the updated NJ/Borough Recycling Requirements, group agreed. James recommended that the Team organize Recycling into (4) categories including Schools, Businesses, Curbside and Recycling Center to build a comprehensive plan. B. Bogert will develop Flyer with the best info available this year. James mentioned that B. Beattie offered to insert the Flyer in the next Borough Newsletter and also send an email blast to educate the community on November 15th, National Recycling Day.

School Recycling Progress Update

1. James discussed the BCUA Awards for October 14. James asked Steve to discuss with Bob Wright and ask him to invite Vinny, Dr. Gamper, the Principals and Bob Wright himself. Steve was also planning to attend to accept the award for the Schools.
2. James updated the Team that the Borough and the School Admin and Maintenance had a meeting and agreed on a Recycling Schedule for the Recycling Center. The bottles and cans were allowed any day and electronics or other materials would need to be scheduled in advance.
3. M. Falcon advised the group on the rollout of the Recycling Bins at the HS. The Environmental Club is picking up the Bins and taking them outside to be Recycled. Materials are not being picked up by maintenance on a scheduled basis and are piling up on the HS property. Group asked Mark to discuss the Recycling Program with Principal.
4. Vinny discussed the progress of the recycling program at West Ridge. There is concern that the Cans and Bottles are not being picked up on a regular basis and this could be an issue due to the appearance and the odors. Group asked P. Montalbano who would need to be contacted at the Schools to correct this problem. He recommended that Bob Wright and Dr. Gamper would need to be involved. Green Team discussed that the School has not purchased the (3) Stream Bin that was approved by BOE. Barbara was going to follow up with Bob Wright on the status.
5. Vinny mentioned that Our Lady of Mercy has a program in place. Barbara will reach out to principal to find out the extent of the Recycling Program
6. Danielle confirmed that the WR PTO will be holding a Green Fair on October 20th. B. Bogert offered to put together a Flyer for the event.
7. James asked P. Montalbano if the schools would be interested in submitting the Solar Project for an innovation project for SJ. Pete said that B. Wright would need to be contacted for that information. James will ask Bob at next meeting.

Sustainable New Jersey Progress Update

1. James advised we should hear about Bronze Certification any day. He mentioned that he was optimistic. Steve said he was planning to go to the awards ceremony.
2. James discussed with Bob the SJ Points recommended by the Town Planner. James would send the list to Bob and he would review the list with the Town Planner at the next Planning Board Meeting.

Homework - Recycling

Next Meeting Wed Nov 10th, 7:30, Location TBD?