

Borough of Park Ridge Green Team - Meeting Minutes for Thursday March 28, 2012 @ 7:30

Attendees–, Bob Bogert, George Bottinor, Danielle Cawood, Barbara Coleman, Vinny Lemba, James McDermott, Bob Oppelt, Jay Roemer, Betsy Thomason, Mark Falcon, Bill Beattie, student guests

Meeting commenced 7:30 PM, adjourned 9:45 PM

1. James presented his company product, the ALC Eco Screen – He discussed the use of the product to educate a school, building or commercial property on the Green Features of the property. Team asked questions regarding the capability to implement on existing systems like the school solar panels and corporate sustainability programs.
2. Stream Monitoring – Recap of Day Mark said how the students really enjoyed the experience. Betsy mentioned that she was looking to do it again to fully understand the process of the stream monitoring and to be able to run a program in the future. Barbara discussed that she sent community service letters to the students that participated, and will be sending thank you letters to the Ambassadors. Bob said that the PKGR-TV Video is still in progress.
3. Municipal Updates – Bob discussed the following.
 - i. Recycling Bins – Not resolved, Bob mentioned that he was going to follow up with Kelley. James offered to help with a solution.
 - ii. Bylaws Feedback – Borough Attorney is reviewing.
 - iii. GT Budget – in review as part of the municipal budget.
 - iv. Website – changes were made and need to be modified. Bill offered to help with making those changes.
 - v. Electric Lake Soil Sampling/Dredging – Bob said that the first test was today. Bill mentioned that it may take a year with the DEP requirements before dredging can start.
 - vi. Shade Tree Committee Update – Bob discussed that they had their first meeting and that they are trying to figure out the replanting of the Jedh Barker Memorial. Tree Grant Status has not been awarded yet.
 - vii. Barbara discussed a concern with neighbors still not recycling and throwing out recyclables on garbage day. Bob O and Bill offered for the borough to send a notice.
2. Egg Hunt – Danielle discussed the coordination and the giveaways including seed packets and coloring books from the Green Fair. Mr. Naturals was going to join us at the table with information on organic gardening and a giveaway. Jay donated CFL Lightbulbs and was going to put labels on them for Green Team. Bob Bogert put together a Flyer for the Egg Hunt and Spring Events. Bill was going to post to the website.
3. Electric Lake, Pascack & Mill Brook Cleanup May 5th
 - i. Barbara discussed the planning with the Partners - Adopt a Beach, Ambassadors, NJDEP, Hackensack Riverkeeper.
 - ii. Flyer – Barbara handed out to committee. Bill offered to post it on our website.
 - iii. Planning – Barbara has been putting a detailed plan together for upcoming meeting with Mayor, Bob, Bill and Kelley to determine logistics. She discussed Waste Management's offer to supply a dumpster and the Borough would only need to pay the Tipping Fee.
 - iv. Outreach to groups and community, Barbara is working on a list including banks, Bagel stores, etc.
 - v. James asked if anyone would like to volunteer to be on a sub-committee for this event or the town picnic. No one volunteered.
 - vi. Pavilion not available, tables needed from Rec, George to request, James will asked Bob to discuss with Scott Galdi.
 - vii. Discussion as to other cleanup events scheduled in town. Vinnie advised Boy Scouts will be doing a cleanup at Woodcliff Lake, date to be determined. Ashley (Student/Girl Scout) asked if Green Team would attend the Girl Scout/Pascack Juniors Cleanup on April 28th. Bob O suggested that the Mayor considers declaring the period between April 28th and May 5th, cleanup week.

4. Schools Recycling

- i. Recap of BOE meeting on 3/19 – Barbara read letter about the history and current program. BOE discussed the program and asked a few questions. James discussed that the contract for 2012 was critical and that the Green Team was going to audit and do the paperwork for the 2012 BCUA Grants.
 - ii. Danielle discussed her and Tammy meeting with the EB 6th Grade to discuss the Green Team.
 - iii. Vinny gave updates of the progress at WR and was going to work on audits for all schools for the BCUA Grants in May.
5. James said he was planning to attend the Be Green Save Green Practical Uses of Sustainable Tax Dollars Free This Friday hosted by BCC and Roseanne. Roseanne was going to discuss the progress made in Park Ridge with the solar projects, the energy audits, the Green Team and Sustainable Jersey certification.
 6. Earth Day, Hertz invited Green Team to attend the event, date to be determined.
 7. Danielle discussed that she has started a list of invites for the Green Fair at the Town Picnic. James also asked for Recreation Committee to allocate a space for the Green Fair. Volunteers needed for subcommittee.
 8. Planning Board invited Green Team leadership for a joint meeting to find mutual areas of common interest. James has also requested a future meeting with M & C to discuss the same.
 9. Sustainable Jersey Plan – James discussed that plan will need to be completed after meeting with Planning Board and M & C to determine the points to pursue.
 10. Betsy discussed encouraging Bicycling/Walking within the community and concern about disabled community. Barbara discussed the NJ Complete Streets Program from Sustainable Jersey Breakout Session and how there are ways to improve traffic flow and safety. Bill emphasized that there has been increased accidents in recent years due to driver distractions and that the streets are dangerous due to this. James mentioned that the LEED ND Ordinance and Complete Streets address these issues as a component of the planning.
 11. Homework – Volunteers needed for spring events and sub committees

Next Mtg Tues 4/17.