

Borough of Park Ridge Green Team - Meeting Minutes for Thursday May 21, 2012 @ 7:30

Attendees–, Bob Bogert, Roseanne Crisafi, Danielle Cawood, Barbara Coleman, Raj Bishnoi, Vinny Lemba, James McDermott, Bob Oppelt, Jay Roemer, Betsy Thomason, Don Schwamb,

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

1. Barbara discussed results of the Electric Lake/Pascack and Mill Brook Pond Cleanup on May 5th.
 - a. 67 Volunteers
 - b. 80 Bags of trash and recyclables
 - c. 35 Bags of recycled materials weighed approximately 300 lbs.
 - d. 225 lbs were metal
 - e. Trash from Waste Management was not reported yet
 - f. Items Recovered – boots, bike seat, building materials, surgical gloves, car battery, shovel, metal chair, scaffold, shopping cart, toys, etc
2. Barbara and Bob O to check into a fall date and into SAT prep classes and other possible scheduling conflicts to allow the highest potential rate of attendance of youth volunteers possible. Some thought was given to holding the next cleanup event at the ½ year mark from Earth day in the fall on a Sunday afternoon to reduce sports games conflicts. Discussion to make the tracking of items found more easily recorded with a checklist that only has to be tallied, with prelisted items. Next cleanup can be based on supplies for 67 people for materials needed to supply, trash bags etc. Next cleanup planned to include the Glen and West Side Mill and Bear Brooks, boundaries need to be confirmed based on normally high water mark, so local resident's private property is avoided.
3. Bob O discussed the Electric Lake EPA test samples taken on northern portion of waterway confirm there is less contamination than anticipated, however, results of Southern area is not confirmed and is expected to be higher than the northern portion of the waterway. Most often streams run N to S with the Southern area testing higher for contaminants.
4. Green Fair – Danielle discussed the commitments and plan discussed with Rec for the GT location, vendors and items for displays at Town Picnic including the following: 8 tables for Home Depot, REI Outdoor Equipment, Hungry Hollow – Food Coop, Mr. Naturals, Hilltop Honey – recreational Bee Hive, LL Bean Fly Fishing and Ambassadors Program. Danielle was going to bring GT handouts information included composting, pledge, reusable bags, Marigold seed packets, Jersey Fresh - buy fresh, buy local, grass- cut it leave it. Danielle was planning to handout plants donated by her and Betsy. Bob B was going to create a Green Fair Flyer and GT Spring Newsletter. Roseanne was going to put together GT info and Bergen Community College Sustainability Educational Programs. Barbara was going to bring Danielle's Electric Lake History board and create display for Cleanup results. Danielle asked for volunteers to work at the GT table and said she was planning to be there the duration of the day.
5. James discussed the growth and restructuring of the Sustainable Jersey Program. James and Bob O discussed that they were planning to meet with Kelley to review the plan for recertifying for Bronze Certification.
6. James asked Bob O to get copies of Stream monitoring video on PRTV to be sent to schools for educational use.
7. James and Bob O discussed municipal updates. 10 Downtown Recycling Bins were ordered, no advertising is on them, some locations from the original proposal were approved by local businesses. Approx 60% of cost was donated by Waste hauler and the rest was paid by town.
8. PRGT –Plan for New message to be posted on town website.
9. A meeting with the Mayor & Council is planned for June
10. By Laws have not been approved yet. Bob was going to check and get back to James.
11. Recycling signage at field locations was discussed –there is a need for more signs, also direct all to take your trash with you when you leave and properly dispose of it.

12. James discussed that there is going to be a future meeting with the PRAA to discuss pesticide fields in other towns.
13. Vinny discussed that all 4 schools EB WR PRHS & OLM, have submitted the BCUA Recycling grants, \$1,000.00 grant award per school.
14. Betsy has reserved July 17 as the date for the PRGT Eco-Cruise on the Hackensack River, forms were distributed to all members for our summer cruise event, there are a total of 26 seats open for 2 boats, this event is provided by the Hackensack River Keeper.
15. Discussion about a GT Mixer in the future to include all residents who would like to find out more information for a casual gathering format.
16. Green Team had a meeting and will schedule another meeting with the Shade tree committee to see how the two groups can work together to benefit of the town a review of current ordinances and ordinance revisions were discussed.

Next Meeting 6/19