Monday October 2, 2017

Call to Order: 7:06pm

Members present: Dan Ross, Paula Ross, Gregg Forsbrey, Patty Homer, Robin Guerin. and (Valerie Walsh E.C. member)

Old Business:

**This year’s Green Festival** was discussed including pros and cons and ideas for next year. Gregg informed everyone that next year the festival will be on Saturday Sept 8th. The group decided that there needs to be more publicity next year, maybe separate promotion for the green festival.

The idea was posed that we attempt to make the event more inclusive for children, and instill green living values in them at an early age, maybe host a virtual passport/ scavenger hunt theme perhaps.

We discussed a breakdown of how the event was funded

* Rizzo reptiles paid for by clean communities.
* Bouncehouses paid for through GT funds
* Fireworks and beer tent etc all funded by the township.

Group discussed the possibility of getting someone in town to print the passports for scavenger hunt cheaply. How we might raise additional funds for the event next year? Whether or not to have more crafts and vendors next year? Possibility of re-thinking the location of vendor booths and food trucks for next year? Looking for local talents music acts or talent shows. Could we have recycled art or photography contest poster session? Lastly funding for next year was discussed, and it was decided that we might need to raise between $1,500-$ 2,000 for next year

Gregg mentioned that as the K-8 liaison, he had learned that the township schools have now joined Sustainable Jersey and may be able to partner with us next year on more initiatives to bring the township closer to silver level recognition.

**Harrington Park Project**: Paula contacted the highlanders club from the local High school and they are happy to help us out with seeding this year. A plan for more invasive removal of the Russian olive was discussed and plans for seeding late this fall after the late frost so seeds won’t germinate were also discussed. Dan informed the group that there will be a need to scale back the area of the meadow zone, since it has expanded from its original scope. We then discussed how we could launch the meadow project once it is completed. Valerie volunteered to help us out with the project as well.

Decision was made to move meeting to 6:30pm and need to get municipal calendar.

**Future Business**; We began planning for spring event, where we could host it, whom we might invite, vendors? Possibility to do it at a school or at the library. Possibility to have a table or booth at the Green Market. Can we tie it in with Earth Day?

Robin would like to see more promotion of what we are promoting as far as our initiatives. Solar panels, green business, etc. She mentioned that she was unfamiliar with the function of a Green Team and thinks that others may be in a similar situation.

Paula mentioned the idea to feature Terracycle and have brigades throughout town. We discussed the possibility of starting a Green Business Recognition Program. The idea to promote Shopping Local was also discussed.

We discussed how we might obtain future sustainable jersey points, and how we might maintain what we already have under our belts. How we might be able to join efforts with Sustainable Jersey for Schools.

Discussed a possibility of a movie night to promote the green team. Gregg mentioned the possibility of having field trip based meetings etc.

Call to Close Meeting adjourned 8:27pm