**Washington Township Green Team**

**Ad Hoc Committee Meeting**

**Monday December 4th, 2017 6:30pm Minutes**

**Washington Township Municipal Building**

Members Present: Dan Ross, Paula Ross, Gregg Forsbrey

Members Absent: Patty Homer

Others Present: Andrew Coppola, Valerie Walsh

Called to Order at: 6:43pm

1. Approval of Minutes: October’s minutes approved and November approved by Dan and Paula Ross, only members in attendance.
2. Old Business: **Harrington Park.** The scheduled work days went as planned, and the seeds have been sown. Paula mentioned that the DPW had to leave the clumps of grass so the meadow was not as large as we had originally planned. Group discussed whether or not to include fencing area in early spring or move in another direction. We discussed where we would print brochures library? Staples? Andrew suggested possibly in house? Paula suggested that maybe we could even have a creative display holder like a mailbox? Display signs and trails were discussed for feasibility and timeline, and the desire to include the boy scouts was discussed.
3. Future Business or Activities: **Sustainable Jersey:** Andrew went through SJ actions the town had completed in the past, what might be eligible for future submissions, and what we have done in the past that has since lapsed. Andrew Discussed possibly reopening the Buy Fresh Buy Local initiative that we had attempted in the past footwork has been laid out, but the project stalled. Anti-idling initiative was discussed, and feasibility was determined. We discussed looking into when our NRI was last completed/ updated and whether or not we would be in compliance with the standards of the current initiative. We will continue looking into Sustainable Jersey Actions that we may qualify for, and what may be required to get there as we continue to work towards achieving silver recognition.
4. Fundraising: Andrew suggested that we might apply for small grants and see about buying bulk product and selling at upcoming events. We discussed the possibility of doing a rain barrel workshop, or a spring native plants sale. Paula suggested that perhaps we could do a raffle for an invasive plant audit led by a member of the green team. We discussed looking into small grants from SJ to purchase small items. We discussed the possibility of having local business defray some of the costs of our programming, but Andrew mentioned we would need to coordinate with other groups so as not to commit duplicate asks.
5. Spring event- We discussed partnering with the Middle School for our upcoming event, the possibility of conducting fundraising through the event, and the possibility of partnering on SJ points with the School Board. In the future, we will be looking into working with the township schools to see where we might be able to partner for points, and explore additional options.
6. Call to adjourn: Unanimously approved, 8pm Meeting Adjourned