### **OLD BUSINESS**

# 1— EC-GT Budget

Finalized, submitted to TC and approved.

# 2— Appreciation Dinner

- Swedish cloths arriving on Wednesday, March 15
- How to "package"; should tube squeezers be ordered, added to tie on?
- Need informative writeup to promote recycling (for tonnage grant)

### 3— Clean Communities

- Schedule 2<sup>nd</sup> Clean Up for Green Team / 55+ Club
- Orders have gone to Swift Printing for 220 t-shirts: Jerzees Neon Green, 2 color design on back dark navy blue and yellow for the sun; dark navy on the front "pocket area" design; 50 medium, 100 large, 50 XL and 20 XXL
  - 20 Polo shirts: Neon Lime (out of stock, Acid Lime sub'd); dark navy blue design on pocket area, same as t-shirt
- Still to order: 10 grabbers check Home Depot and Ace, 20 vests possibly from Econo Signs. www.EconoSignsllc.com / 800-443-7103

# **4— Grants** — Looking for suggestions from everyone

- Waiting on CHPP (County History Partnership Program), for video camera
- Highlands Council Warehouse Planning, \$5,000; focus on warehouses and zoning
- Rutgers rain garden at school or firehouse still in play

#### 5— Green Fair 2023

- Request for 450 tree seedlings?
- Food Trucks: donuts? in addition to Humpty Jrs' for coffee, breakfast, ice cream; Tacos Chicas
- Clothing Drive at the firehouse; Sneaker collection
- Optimum placement of Operation Chillout, school or firehouse
- Upcycle Craft Market at the Community Center; Cedar and Walnut as a pedestrian way
- Give-aways? Raffles?
- Alpacas?
- Fill up the school...

#### 6— Swayze Mill Park Assessment

- Walk through to ID and prioritize projects; native plantings, fighting invasives; need for budget
- Check into possibility of and funding for trail cams (littering and gazebo vandalism), or at least have an "This park under surveillance" sign, actually ensure Clean Communities applies to private parks

# 7— National Wildlife Federation, Community Habitat Program "Hope for Wildlife"

- It is very easy to certify your own home property online with \$20: <a href="https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify">https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify</a>
- Register SMP, Trout Alley, The Municipal Building, the School, Jenny Jump Park
- Progress towards certification: 30 of 40 Registration Goals, 15 of 40 Education Goals, 20 of 50 Community Outreach, 20 out of 20 Admin; 30 of 100 Habitat Points

#### 8— Speaker Series

 Little Big Farm, Patti Doehl, July/August, a Saturday, 11am, "steer the program around native plants, and how they benefit pollinators, and how we grow them naturally with no herbicides or pesticides. So we would offer a tour of the gardens, a discussion of native plants as cut flowers,

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- Hope Township Environmental Committee & Green Team Meeting Wednesday, March 15, 2023 and the benefits of doing so for people and the planet." restrict cars to 20; one camera to stream, another camera to capture quality presentation.
  - Can do watershed monitoring with Christine Dunbar of Paulinskill Watershed for ECs and Green Teams later this month
  - Follow up on Mary Stone for May/June; Sanico; Beekeeper Jenny Shotwell
- **9—Agriculture Development Board Application** Letter written; meeting on April 20, Thursday 7:30pm
- **10—Solar Farm Application** Matarazzo Farm Application to Planning Board. Electronic materials available, check the stormwater management plan

### 11— Conditional Use / Master Plan / Climate Change

- Folder is set: <u>https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VjaxvoVvjt6Zfok3UvqecTREZ\_91QguG?usp=sharing</u> Review "Introduction" the first section available
- Set a date and time with Terry Urfer to visit the township property off of Dogwood
- Need risk assessment for Hope

# 12— Lead-Free Fishing Project

- Feasibility for SMP, Fishing Derby?
- ANJEC or SJ grant available? Help from Trout Unlimited?, Pequest Fish Hatchery
- Post a "Lead-Free Fishing Area" sign?
- Pequest Fish Hatchery: Lead sinkers/weights not regulated in NJ; Sales banned in NY, but not the use. Tin and steel are better alternatives, as is tungsten, though more expensive.

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### **OTHER ITEMS**

01— Projects/Issues

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