

Zoom attendees: Raymond Ayers, Ellen Benoit, Lori Ostrzyzek, Monica Sobon

Notes: Motion to approve the minutes from the August 2021 meeting made by 1-L.Ostrzyzek, 2-R.Ayers and approved.

DISCUSSION NOTES

Letter to be drafted

- Request that the TC consider hybrid in-person/zoom meetings. Zoom saves time, decreases carbon emissions and can provide a better opportunity for more residents to participate.

Township Picnic / EC-GT Participation Follow-Up Notes

- Need more organization, improved flow, and better preparation for dealing with wind next time.

Bag-Up Efforts

- Considering best way to distribute 350 bags with pledges from options:
 - Halloween: send info home through school for parents to sign for and pickup Bag-Ups
 - Coordinate pledge/distribution with showing of “Bag It!” Movie at the Community Center; need to determine if the movie can be shown in-person and on zoom; hardware would be tested before showing. Might be in conjunction with WC heritage weekend in November.
 - Distribute bags/pledges at the Christmas Market
 - Distribute at Appreciation Dinner
 - Distribute at Green Fair
- A google form set up by Margo is tracking the Challenges

Green Tips

- Picnic and other “Green tips” will be posted weekly. Lori will be added to the HopeNJEnv facebook page

EC By-Laws

- Motion made by 1-E.Benoit and 2-L.Ostrzyzek and carried to accept the by-laws with a 2-word addition “appointment by” in the first vacancies sentence.

Meeting Dates

- Motion made by 1-R.Ayers and 2-E. Benoit to approve the meetings dates based on the Green Fair scheduled for April 30.

Schedule Clean Communities Clean Up

- ID Streets (e.g., Foundry, Silver Lake), organizations (e.g., 55+ seniors, scouts), clean up equipment (e.g., grabbers, bags, gloves) to purchase. Must be done quickly if in time for a Fall event.

Sustainable Jersey Recertification deadline May 2022 (150 points for Bronze, 350 for Silver)

- **Identify actions/steps:** <https://www.sustainablejersey.com/actions/>
 - Everyone is encouraged to click on the link above and ID 1-2 achievable actions to research.
 - R.Ayers will assess diversity on boards and commissions
 - E.Benoit will tackle Site Plan Review, Farmland Preservation
 - View Status of actions: <https://sites.google.com/site/hopenjenv/home/discussion>
 - Based on the Bag Up! Campaign, the reusable bag action and the Green Challenge are targeted for processing

Resident's Light Nuisance Issue

- EC will advise the resident to continue to document and bring the issue to the TC
- EC will draft recommendations to the TC on this issue in support of dark sky, more efficient/less polluting lighting options
- EC will research county ordinances on this matter

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn E.Benoit; second: L.Ostrzyzek; at 9:28 PM