

ZOOM ATTENDEES: Ellen Benoit, Margo Biblin, Lori Ostrzyzek, Monica Sobon

MINUTES: October 11 approved— M.Biblin, L.Ostrzyzek

DISCUSSION NOTES

Township Committee Reported Items Follow Up

ACTIONS – Monitor Salt Shed, Eye Glass/Hearing Aid Receptacle

- Compose November report to cover Clean Street effort, Speaker Series, Shredding Event at Green Fair

Conditional Use / Master Plan / Climate Resiliency as mandated by State

- Work through the Master Plan to determine what changes should be made to address flooding, stormwater management, mitigating impervious cover, development and climate resiliency

ACTIONS – Convert the first 3 sections of the Master Plan into word documents; set them up on google docs as collaborative files for review.

- Continue to liaise with Terry Urfer and the Planning Board to ensure the Master Plan and other Township documents align with each other and address climate resiliency.
- Follow up with the TC to complete the Resilience Base Worksheet
- Assess Township forest property potential

Clean Communities

- Continue to explore ways to promote the clean streets program. **\$9,175** available for activities

ACTIONS – Look into prices, sizes and quantity of short-sleeve and long-sleeve teal polo shirts

- Schedule a clean up for 55+ Club

National Wildlife Federation — Community Habitat Program “Hope for Wildlife”:

- Name of program established as “Hope for Wildlife”

ACTIONS – Continue working towards certification points and registered properties; advertise on Hope Going’s On

- Request everyone associated with EC-GT look into certifying their home property <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify> \$20

Speaker Series

- The Community Center requires adequate internet and a large monitor to be a host location. In the interim, virtual presentations are being explored

ACTIONS – Speak to 7 Artisans Street about a mid-January presentation

- Tie into “planting” for February, speak to Tom Gabel on Planting Historical Gardens
- Reiterate to the Township Committee the need for adequate internet in the Community Center

Tree Assessment and Shoreline Planting at Swayze Mill Park

- Continue to evaluate ways to improve and encourage native plantings and minimize damage from invasive plants and wildlife (geese).

ACTIONS – Schedule a walk through at SMP to assess the existing trees and shoreline planting locations

- Ask the County Extension for plant recommendations
- Determine best way to maintain Salem Oak trees until they can be permanently planted at Swayze

Rain Garden—Rutgers Grant Opportunity

ACTIONS – Follow up with the municipal building parking lot, school, firehouse and church as an option for a green infrastructure site.

525 Ag Application

ACTIONS – Compose short statement regarding wetlands, stormwater management, soil improvement, adherence to environmental concerns; ensure statement in line with Township Concerns

Matarazzo Solar Farm Application

— Applicant materials have been made available electronically

ACTIONS – Become familiar with the application material in time for the December Planning Board Meeting.

Sustainable Jersey Grant Search

— Find a grant for 2023

ACTIONS – Request that everyone bring one grant suggestion to the next meeting

ADJOURNMENT: at 8:55 PM. Motioned by E.Benoit, M.Biblin.