

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES: Raymond Ayers, Ellen Benoit, Margo Biblin, Lori Ostrzyzek, Phyllis Strohmeier, Robin Keggan, Terry Urfer, Monica Sobon

REORGANIZATION: Nominated and Elected M.Sobon as Chairman; Nominated and Elected E. Benoit as Vice-Chairman

MINUTES: December 13 approved— M.Biblin, L.Ostrzyzek

DISCUSSION NOTES

Meetings Schedule for 2023

- 7 pm, 2nd Tues of the month, except for February 15 as Wednesday and the extra, pre-Green Fair Meeting on April 25. All meetings will be virtual except for the April 25 meeting which will be held at the Grange.

ACTIONS – Consider a possible new meeting day for 2024, start by August 2023

Annual Budget for 2023

- This proposed budget is still being updated, e.g., shirt quote, other clean-up equipment

Clean Communities

- Seeking to order approximately 20 polo shirts and at least 200 t-shirts in the same color. The final quantity of t-shirts will be ordered as 25% Medium, 50% Large, 25% XL

ACTIONS – Obtain polo shirt sizes for all EC-GT members
– Obtain a quote from local vendors for both shirt types
– Inventory grabbers and bags (R.Ayers)

Grants

- The County History Partnership Program (CHPP) grant application was submitted on January 10 requesting \$2,500 for a videocamera. Waiting on Decision.

ACTIONS – Request that everyone research at least one grant suggestion for the next meeting
– Find out more information about the highlands \$5000 grant for warehouse zoning planning

Green Fair 2023

- Time to lock in food options, reach out to any new exhibitors, check into advertising

ACTIONS – Request 450 tree seedlings from the state
– Follow up on Chef's as a food truck option.
– Follow up on the HVFD facilitating a clothing drive
– Follow up on crafts at the Grange, ensure building is available that day
– Raffles will be a family one, entertainment one, eco one (upcycled bird feeder)
– Explore fun live option, like the alpaca farm (maybe Dove Productions?)

Swayze Mill Park Assessment

- There is a need to identify and prioritize projects such as native plantings, removal of invasives, maintain the gazebo, bird feeders, signs

ACTIONS – Set up a date to assess with T.Urfer, P.Strohmeier, L.Ostrzyzek, E.Benoit, M.Sobon

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

- Continue working towards certification points and registered properties

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

- Publicize and attend free virtual Audubon presentation January 18th at 7 pm: Gardening for Pollinators and Songbirds; Lori and Monica to set advertising

Speaker Series

- The Community Center requires adequate internet. In the interim, virtual presentations are being explored

- ACTIONS** – Speak to Patty Doehl and/or Mary Stone regarding a March Presentation (S.Hare)
- Speak with Sanico’s Jack Powell about a “Recycling 101 Session”. Ask also if Sanico picks up curbside recycling from non-Sanico clients
 - Check with Beekeeper Jenny Shotwell

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** – Review the Introduction on google drive:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VjaxvoVvjt6Zfok3UvqecTREZ_91QguG?usp=sharing
- Convert the next 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

Agricultural Development Board Application

- EC-GT letter emailed to Board Secretary Teresa Kaminski

- ACTIONS** – Be present on Thursday, February 16, 7:30 pm to present letter/exhibits.

Matarazzo Solar Farm Application

- Applicant materials have been made available electronically

- ACTIONS** – Become familiar with the application material in time for the February Planning Board Meeting:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19q6DTuY-Sf3EFG90iuuyypMLtfaDK-TGI?usp=sharing>.

ADJOURNMENT: at 8:38 PM. Motioned by P.Strohmeyer, L.Ostrzyzek.