

ZOOM ATTENDEES: Ellen Benoit, Margo Biblin, Monica Sobon,
MINUTES: June held for Quorum

DISCUSSION NOTES

EC-GT Report to Township Committee Meeting August 10

— Actions were approved at meeting:

- ACTIONS – Project Medicine Drop:** Contact WC Sheriff’s Office to bring PMD to picnic; contact Brielle regarding table, chairs, tent for PMD; advertise on facebook, PIE, etc.
- **National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Community Habitat Program:** Register online for Program; from website, create materials for picnic. Request registration reimbursement from 55+ club
- **Eyeglass and Hearing Aids Collection Bin:** Possible site suggested by TC is next to the Book Nook. The township must initiate correspondence to Belvidere Lions Club
- **Rain Garden Assessment and Grant Fund Opportunity:** Identify possible locations for demonstration rain garden and share with Christopher Perez of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program

Township Picnic, Saturday, September 10, 1-5 • EC-GT Activities

ACTION – EC-GT Volunteers are needed to facilitate the activities identified below

— Setting up (3) 6-foot tables:

- **Table 1. “Know Before You Throw”**— interactive “game” around how to recycle, especially plastic bags and wrap. Every player earns a free raffle ticket. Prizes = Plarm beach bag, upcycled bicycle wheel, set of 4 solar lamps and hand-crafted bird house. Can use this event towards completing collection for third TREX bench.

ACTION – Set up containers for each prize; have raffle slips ready; have display and prizes ready

- **Table 2. “Information”**—Green team community service for students; neighborhood plant exchange; wildlife habitat program; green fair with sign-up for yard sale; PIE; Creative Assets;

ACTIONS – Print Green Team recruiting poster and sign-up, especially for students
 – Print/cut/distribute Green Fair “Save the Date” cards
 – Have poster and signups for PIE, Creative Assets, town yard sale
 – If approved, have info for NWF Habitat Program, eyeglass/hearing aids collection

- **Table 3. “Book Nook Give-Away”**— Good variety of books available.

ACTION –Set up posters and books at picnic; bring bags for multiple book take-aways

Green Fair 2023: Saturday, April, 10am to 2pm, Hope School

ACTIONS –Determine who will run indoor yard sale at Grange, possibly PTA, 55+
 –ID Food Trucks: Contact Humpty Jr.; ID 2 more trucks; Ask Emily Brown
 –Send out Save-the-Dates to 2022 Exhibitors

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

— Master plan maps need to be updated and the whole plan needs to be electronic

ACTIONS– Read through Master Plan:
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/60b014af89c6ba1a7c92a801/t/61746c61dc9b3278927642cc/1635019879094/masterplan.pdf>

- schedule sections to review at upcoming meetings
- Begin to fill in Resilience Base Worksheet

Swayze Mill Park Projects

- Tree seedlings planted last year at Swayze Mill Park are overgrown; @15 more seedlings are waiting to be planted when spots are identified, possibly at Municipal Building
- ACTIONS** – Bring up to Township Committee mowing to approach seedlings at SMP; and fostering trees along municipal building parking lot on the left and rock wall on right
 - Two Salem Oaks need to be set into the ground asap and be protected with tube protectors and fencing at Swayze Mill Park
 - Raise the issue of adding plantings at Swayze Mill Park pond shore towards decreasing geese population

Speaker Series

- ACTIONS** – Follow up on Allamuchy’s wildlife habitat speaker
 - Still need to ID and Schedule our first one

Letters to the NJDEP regarding Wastewater Management Plan for 519 Commerce Center:

- ACTION** –With Sarah Hare’s Letter and Tom Bodolsky’s bullets as a guide, request all EC and GT members email NJDEP before August 20

Carry Over—Clean Communities: Will have to find out how much money is available, before committing to t-shirts, other purchases and monies connected to a town-wide clean-up

- ACTION:** – Follow up, waiting on second email

ADJOURNMENT: at 9:12 PM. Motioned by E.Benoit, M.Biblin