

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M.
OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EC MEETING**

**VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK
MINUTES OF THE GREEN TEAM
APRIL 25, 2019**

Chairman Mark Olson called the meeting to order at 8:14 p.m., it having been duly noted that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of which was published in The Record and sent to the Star Ledger as well as posted on the Village bulletin board. Members present were: Leslie Olson, Mark Olson, Asai Maschang, Florence Muller. Excused – Eric Koenig, Janet Malool, Harry Menta, Jin Ah Jong, Daniele Fede, Gloria Rivera, Barbara Wilke. Absent: Carolina Espin, Chelsea Almanza, Gina Constanza, Peggy Conversano, Janet Harris, Tim Holloway, Diane Mancini and Ex Officio Members absent.

The minutes of March 29, 2019, will be approved at the next meeting.

Approval of bills:

- PO #37424 - \$916.05 – Mark Olson – Vogt mural supplies, Staples/marker & easel
- PO #37423 - \$ 75.47 – Janet Malool – Community Garden banner
- PO #37505 - \$125.63 – This and That Hardware – Community Garden supplies/ brushes, screws

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Correspondence:

- Email dated 4/11/19 from SJ advising that since GT is approved for SJ's Community Forestry Management Plan, it is likely eligible to apply for resiliency planning and reforestation and tree planting grant. Info given to STC.

Reports: Budget has not been approved yet.

Old Business:

Earth Day/Green Fair: The GT will have a light bulb exhibition, reuse table, Styrofoam table as well as use of compostable paper goods in the food area to make this event a Green Fair. Bogota will take two tables.

New Business:

Flo Muller suggested that there be some public education on cleaning up your recyclables before throwing them out. Most people don't realize if you don't clean the item, it contaminates the entire container. Donna from the DPW will be asked if she has any handout or information on this.

Asai Maschang will make a sign about collecting plastic bags for recycling and where the collection containers are.

Sustainable Jersey Work Session:

The members present then went into a SJ work session. Mark Olson asked who wanted to try for silver certification because if that is the goal, more people need to contribute to get the necessary tasks done to acquire the needed points. The deadline is very close (June 1).

To help move things along since there is not much time left to submit for Silver, some changes were made in assignments. Janet Harris collects and drops off all the plastic bags by herself so Barbara DeLuca will do the paperwork to submit for Non-Mandated Materials Recycling for plastic bags and crayons. Barbara will get the sign/sticker made for Janet to put on the containers. Barbara will also take care of Reusable Bag Education Program since Katelynn McGirk has moved.

Barbara DeLuca will speak to Sonny Yotka about the Materials Reuse Program to get the information necessary to complete this task.

Guillermo Lopez-Acosta was given some tasks to enter into the application. He will handle: Creative Assets Inventory and Utilizing Your Creative Assets (Report on three activities – concerts, sculpture, dance event).

Mark went over the STC's tasks with Flo Muller and suggested she contact Linda Quinn for assistance in entering the information. The STC is responsible for: Community Forestry Plan, Tree Planting Programs and Tree Cover Goal, Open Space Plan, Tree Hazard Inventory, Tree Maintenance Programs. Flo said that most of this was already done. Mark explained it is not considered done under SJ standards until it is entered into the system.

Asai Maschang took over some tasks. She is responsible for: Backyard Composting Program and Community Gardens.

Mark asked if members wanted to change the meeting night. It was decided that he will come at 6:00 p.m. on the next two meetings to assist anyone who needs help with their action. Members can also email before then if they have a question about the action they are assigned. The GT really needs everyone to pitch in to reach the goal necessary for Silver Certification. The GT decided to recertify every year so it is not such a burden to acquire the points necessary for any certification.

A motion was made by Mark Olson and seconded by Leslie Olson to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following the EC meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca