

NEXT MEETING: GREEN TEAM MEETING: THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017, AT 7:00 P.M.

**MINUTES OF THE GREEN TEAM
June 22, 2017**

Vice-Chairperson Peggy Conversano called the meeting to order at 7:03 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: Peggy Conversano, Guillermo Lopez-Acosta, Linda Quinn, Janet Malool and Flo Muller. Not Present: Excused - Joseph D'Angeli, Carolina Espin, Katelyn McGirk, Harry Menta, Leslie Olson, Mark Olson, and Gloria Rivera. Absent – James Donohue. Steve Quinn, Jin Ah Jong and Sergio Radossi were also present for the meeting.

A motion was made by Linda Quinn and seconded by Guillermo Lopez-Acosta to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2017, meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Approval of bills: None at this time.

Hearing of Citizens: No one spoke.

Correspondence: 1) email from Francine Orovitz dated June 16, 2017, advising that the application for 190 Main Street has been adjourned until July 18th at 8:00 p.m.; 2) email from Joe D'Angeli dated June 19, 2017, advising he will need a leave of absence; 3) memo from Allison McLeod regarding 2017 Environmental Excellence Awards Seeking Application and 2017 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards.pdf – Deadline 9/29/17.

Mark Olson sent a letter as Chairman of the Green Team regarding 190 Main Street and his concern with the green and sustainable elements of the project. There was a brief discussion on this proposed project and the members felt that based on quality of life issues, the project should be denied as submitted at this time. The members felt there are a lot of issues that need to be taken into account.

Based on parking and height alone, Mark Olson sent a letter already from the Green Team.

As far as Joe D'Angeli requesting a leave of absence, Peggy Conversano said she could handle the website and Facebook in his absence. The GT had no problem granting him a leave of absence for the summer.

The info received from Allison McLeod will be sent to all members for review and comments.

Reports:

Financial: Peggy Conversano signed a voucher in the amount of \$1,000 for soil delivered in May.

Community Garden – Janet Malool gave an update on the Community Gardens. One bed became available this week at Fellowship Park as the gardener was no longer able to plant due to a family illness. Janet Malool will reach out to a new gardener. There is now a butterfly house and plantings to attract them hopefully.

The fence will be moved fairly soon for football season. A solution to replace this temporary fencing will need to be decided on soon.

There have been a lot of passersby looking at the garden. Carolina is working on some sort of container that can be put on the fence for info/applications. They might also put one at McGowan Park. There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the gardens.

At McGowan Park, there are 33 beds taken as well as 2 herb beds for sharing. The Community Garden is in the process of having signs made. They have just started the third ring in the back. Over the course of the year, the rest of the ring will go in. The fruit trees are growing.

Mike Mitchell will be planting some roses and at some point, he will give an educational talk for the gardeners and public. Hopefully the roses will be in by the end of the month.

There was a short meeting last night explaining how to use the water meters so people know how much they should water. One of the questions was why the water line was not marked so it could be tapped into. Janet Malool deferred this question to Mark Olson.

Janet wants to publicly thank the DPW for securing the shed before the storm. She called them and the DPW firmly secured the shed to the fences. They held a seed saving talk at Fellowship Park for the gardeners. There was a small turnout but they were able to give out info. If it is really good, it might be good to run a program for the general public at the library. This might be something to think about in the fall.

Janet decided to try to recognize younger gardeners that are graduating. She took their picture gardening and gave it to the parents. There were 4 or 5 of them at Fellowship Park. Two were from Lincoln that graduated. Dyan Thiemann asked if Janet could present these awards at the graduation next year. Janet said she would be happy to do so.

Peggy Conversano said that Lincoln School sixth grade would like to donate four hydrangeas and would like to plant them at the garden. The GT was sure that a place could be found for the plants.

Old Business:

Sustainable Jersey: The actions have been submitted. It takes a while for it to be sent back. There are things they may let you rework and resubmit. As far as the Creative Team, Janet Malool met with Carolina to discuss a few things. They have not met as a group yet.

The Green Business recognition had two businesses they wanted to recognize. That task is in process right now.

Rain Garden – Nothing new has really happened yet. Linda Quinn put in a few more plants in the garden. It will take a lot of time to get them established and growing. The sign is up telling what it is.

Janet Malool suggested a piece of art that is functional be added. The GT will look into it.

Website – Peggy Conversano did check out the website. It looks better. There are some current newspaper stories up on it now. The GT just needs to keep it current. The GT should make a point of sending new info into the website.

No one has had the opportunity to research material for new beds and replacement of existing ones when they rot out. This needs to be completed before plantings begin next year.

Janet Malool said a vote will be needed when a new fence is to be recommended. This can be done via email if summer vacations cause the unavailability of a quorum.

New Business – None at this time.

Working Session – Mark Olson holds a working session at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting for anyone interested.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Guillermo Lopez-Acosta and seconded by Linda Quinn adjourning the meeting at 7:46 p.m. All were in favor of this motion.

The next regular meeting will be July 27, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca