

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020 AT 7:30 P.M. (IN LOWER LEVEL OF CIVIC CENTER)
OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING**

**VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK
MINUTES OF THE GREEN TEAM
October 22, 2020**

Chairman Janet Malool called the meeting to order at 7:55 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: Robert Gonzalez, Guillermo Lopez-Acosta, Janet Malool, Daniele Fede, Veronica Leone, Dennise Santana. Absent: Janet Harris. Eric Koenig, Asai Maschang, Flo Muller, Jin Ah Jong, Diane Mancini and Ex Officio Members. Excused: Harry Menta, Leslie Olson, Gloria Rivera.

The minutes of the August 27 and September 24, 2020, meetings could not be approved as there was no quorum.

Payment of bills:

- PO 43025 - \$ 89.94 – Barbara DeLuca – Reimbursement for 6 thermometers
- PO 43109 - \$167.75 – This & That Hardware – mural supplies

Hearing of Citizens:

Correspondence:

- Memo advising of October 14 newsletter deadline (Janet put an article on the GT in it.)
- Memo dated 10/6/20 from Village Clerk Re: Vendors performing work should provide Certificate of Liability

Reports:

Financial: Nothing new to report. Bills paid were discussed above.

Recycling – Plastic Bags & EPS – The bags at the Marlboro House are overflowing and need to be picked up. Janet Malool will ask Eric Koenig if he might have any community service students interested in doing this job.

Bergen Hub: The Bergen Hub is busy making plans for next year.

Public Arts Master Plan: The Planning Board is still working on this.

Old Business:

Upcoming events:

Earth Day/Green Fair – set for May 1 provided restrictions are lifted

Summer Arts Fest – Tentatively, it is scheduled to be held on June 12, 2021.

Sustainable Jersey: submitted with 390 points, approved for 305. Need 350 for Silver Certification.

- Deadline for last review is November 22
- Continue to work on actions that minimal work was done in order to get points for these actions
- Continue to work on unapproved actions starting in January so we are no longer rushing to get it done
- These actions were marked planned and need to be worked on:
 - Community Forestry Management Plan and NJUCF Accreditation – 20 points
 - [Adopt a Green Purchasing Policy by Ordinance](#) – 10 points
 - Adopt a Green Purchasing Policy by Resolution – 5 points
 - [Recycling and Waste Reduction Education and Compliance](#) – 15 points
 - Household Hazardous Waste – 15 points
 - Waste Audit of Municipal Buildings or Schools – 10 points
- These actions were marked as must revise and need to be worked on:
 - Creative Placemaking Plan – 10 points
 - Municipal Commitments to Support Arts and Creative Culture – 10 points
 - Extreme Temperature Event Plan – 10 points

- Emergency Communications Planning – 15 points **Janet Malool will do this action.**
 - Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure – 15 points
 - Innovative Community Project 1 – 10 points **Dennise Santana will finish this action.**
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Audits – 5 points
 - Energy Linking – 10 points **Guillermo Lopez-Acosta will work on this action. Janet and Daniele said they would assist if necessary.**
- These actions were marked as not approved and need to be worked on:
 - Safe Routes to School – 10 points
 - Tree Protection Ordinance – 10 points

There are several actions that although marked “completed” will need additional work done in order to be approved. The final review deadline is November 22. The application is unlocked now and members can work on those actions to properly complete them. Community Garden action was revised and already awarded the 20 points so the total approved is 325 right now. We only need 25 points to reach silver so all members are encouraged to help out and assist or take ownership of an action. Janet said there are still some points that are “trapped” awaiting approval of the Master Plan.

Members should look through the list to see if there is anything they think they can complete. If a member needs access to the Sustainable Jersey sight they would email Janet Malool and she will send them an invitation to join SJ.

New Business:

Janet Malool said the Arts Association got a grant for a craft fair that will take place on November 14 at Fellowship Park.

Dennise Santana discussed the use of Google docs to work on SJ actions so it is easier to have 2 or 3 people coordinating efforts. Dennise will explain to members in more detail at the next meeting.

At the next meeting, Janet would like all members to make a decision as to whether they want to continue as a member or step down to an associate member. There is much work to be done on SustainableJersey and all members are needed to work on it to achieve and maintain Silver Certification. It is hard to move forward when there is not a quorum present at meetings. Members should notify the GT of their intentions before reappointments are made in December. Reappointments will not be automatically done at the end of the year without hearing from members as to their intentions.

A motion was made by Guillermo Lopez-Acosta and seconded by Bobby Gonzalez adjourning the meeting at 8:40. All were in favor of the motion.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following the EC meeting.
(IN THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE CIVIC CENTER)

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Mark Olson