**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, November 28, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. – WORK SESSION TBA, LOCATION TO TBA**

**VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK**

**MINUTES OF THE GREEN TEAM**

**January 19, 2022**

Vice-Chair Veronica Leone called the meeting to order at 7:10 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: Veronica Leone, Janet Malool, Harry Menta, Dennise Santana, Nicole Terrarosa, Daniele Fede. Absent: Diane Mancini, Berlinda Rodriguez, Dyan Thiemann, Ex Officio Members. Excused: Guillermo Lopez-Acosta, Leslie Olson, Janet Harris, Dan Raftery, Rita Raftery, Gloria Rivera. No guests present.

The minutes of the October 27, 2022, meeting were approved on a motion by Harry Menta and seconded by Veronica Leone. All were in favor of the motion.

**Payment of bills:**

PO#51024 - $71.46 – North Jersey Media Group – Meeting Date Change, Name Change Ordinance

PO#51749 - $42.55 – North Jersey Media Group – Notice of 2023 Meeting Dates

**Hearing of Citizens:** None present.

**Correspondence****:**

* Email dated 11/10/22 From Paul Valentinetti Re: Hard Plastic Drop-Off
* Email dated 11/16/22 from Environmental Commission Re: Invitation to RPNA first meeting on 11/29 @ 7:00 p.m.
* Email dated 11/23/22 from Commissioner Olson Re: Sustainable Jersey Luncheon Photo and Silver Certification
* Email dated 12/5/22 from Yvette Viasus, Community Solar Engagement Manager Re: Clean Energy Program, Community Solar Presentation
* Email dated 12/21/22 from Michael Savino Re: Introduction to Environmental Club Advisor Helena Petersen

**Reports:**

**Financial:** Nothing new to report.

**EPS Recycling:** nothing new to report, going well.

**Bergen Hub:** Daniele went to last Hub.  Said they're going to meet quarterly. Next one is 1/31 in Glen Rock in person.  Said there a mobile EPS densifier that they have a $31,000 grant for but is looking for a town to accept the grant and then be responsible for getting it to other towns for events. They will concentrate on Plastic, EPS, Electric Vehicle Committee, Stormwater and Membership. They talked about Overpeck Park and the Great Lawn.

**Old Business:**

* **Newsletters:** Winter Newsletter – suggestions for next newsletter? GT will try to find out distribution date.
  + Save the date
  + Article on #5 plastic

**Swap & Shop review: held on 9/24/22**

* **2023 date is 9/23/22**
* should ask high school for about 12 volunteers next year
* racks made by Mark Olson were very useful
* Duffy Movers sent 5 boxes - that helped out
* Zing Coffee – was it worth it?
* set firm time when deliveries will be accepted and nothing past that time
* remind people that items should be “gently” used and in good condition
* mention clothing items that will not be accepted, such as used undergarments, socks, worn out shoes

**Health Fair review: held on 10/1/22**

* **2023 date is 10/14/23**
* Dennise has been in contact with group called CNA and several of them want to participate next year.
* Variety of tables seemed good
* Next year will have firm deadline, in writing, with organizations holding tables
* Blood – goal of 20 units was set, GT reached 22 units
  + Red Cross was shorthanded, which resulted in turning away all walk-ins
  + Red Cross apologized for this and said if used next year they would set higher goal so more Red Cross workers would be available to accept all walk-ins
* Meeting with DPW Supervisors clarified #1, 2 & 5 recycling – no PET restrictions currently
  + Article on #5
  + Cardboard – need to start a campaign to get people to breakdown & tie up their cardboard
  + Recycle Coach – DPW wants us to help with campaign about this as well

**Upcoming Events:**

* October 29 – Prescription Drug Takeback
* November 12 – Hard Plastic Recycling and Breakfast Cereal Collection
  + Leslie requested high school volunteers.
  + Need to survey people who drop off hard plastic
  + Members should send Harry Menta any links they want posted promoting the event.
  + Make sure this is also promoted on GT FB page.
  + Promote Recycle Coach
  + Send flyer to local daycare/preschools and public schools.
  + Make this a live Facebook event as well
  + Shredding will also take place at the DPW.

#### 10. New Business:

* **Little Library Donation** 
  + Local family constructed a unit to donate in memory of a family member and have installed in a community location. The RP Library has in the past asked for one to be placed on their site and this one would be appropriate.
  + Coordination of the installation must be done with the Library and the Family. The Family was thinking it could be the Thanksgiving weekend. Must be discussed and alternate dates proposed if membership is not available. We would want publicity and photos.
  + Need to speak with Leslie Olson to get specifics on this project.
* **Sustainable Jersey Planning**
* **Environmental – Veronica Leone**
  + Need a member to take lead on Recycling and Waste Reduction Education and Compliance Action for 2023 certification with the DPW. L. Olson can assist.
* **Arts and Culture – Nicole Terrarosa**
  + Need member to take lead on updating and transferring Creative Asset Inventory list, (which is in spreadsheet format) to the format that is used by communities who are part of Creative Bergen. Creative Bergen is working to help communities capture their assets to be made available to members and which will help with important activities for art and artists in the Bergen County area. This is a data entry project. Additions from George Cooke, Artist Laureate must be added, plus other items identified by Karen Purpura of the RPAA. It also must be posted on the Green Team webpage.
* **Health and Wellness** 
  + Need additional member to work with B. DeLuca and L. Olson on the Health Assessment Questionnaire which includes putting a proposal together to submit to Commissioner Gerken regarding how to communicate and distribute it to the general population so that we can get at least 130 responses, which is 1% of 13,000.
  + Members decided to have Barbara and Leslie shorten the questionnaire and then send to members for their comments and editing to a shorter version if needed.
* The Mayor has requested a photo in front of the Municipal Building after the formal announcement of silver certification for posting on social media. Members should send in several dates (Saturday or Sunday) in November that they are available.
* 2023 Certification Application Cycle Timeline Released:

**FIRST ROUND SECOND ROUND THIRD ROUND**

Submission Deadline February 26 May 12 July 27

Return Date Early April Mid-June Mid-Sept.

A motion was made by Janet Malool and seconded by Harry Menta to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday**, November 28, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. It will probably be a work session. Location to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

**Barbara DeLuca**

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cc: Commissioner Mark Olson