

Green Team Minutes

Mar 3, 2017

Present: Marnie Vyff, Mimi Kaplan, Mark Prusina, Frank Sanchez, Janet Horst, Heather Scott, Allison Rankin, Ryan Dunn

Mark Prusina spoke about working with the Schools Green Team and other green things he knows about around town.

- There is possible funding from the **Clean Communities Grant**. Anything for education, training cleanup people, possibly EcoWeekend, and more. Marnie will meet with Mark to figure this out.
 - Signage for Borough parks.
 - Planning a footpath from the High School to the Little League Fields.
 - Possibly good for the reusable bags
- Ryan spoke of the live edge oak benches he made that are being installed at the Bird Sanctuary. This is Woodlands Committee instigation.
- Meetings for **Sustainable Schools** is first Mondays at 12:30 pm in the Library meeting room. Beth Seaman a hired intern running the collection of materials for the schools.
 - Mark has two workshops on sustainable schools.
 - Mark put together a package about our solar usage.
- **Honeywell School Audit**
 - Have replaced lights, motion detectors, weather stripping, caulking, and all lightbulbs are now LED.
 - Energy Saving Improvement Plan (ESIP) waiting on the one year audit.
- Now at the **Recycling Center** we collect Fluorescent container, Styrofoam, metal, electrical, plastic bags. Most Supermarkets also collect plastic bags independently.

Frank Sanchez updated the team on what SJ Schools Green Team are doing.

- AP Environmental Science now has a new teacher, David Sika.
- Mark and Frank are registered for SJ Schools.
- We believe the Municipality and the Schools can share some actions. Marnie and Mark will check that out. Ryan and Marnie will be the channel to share action documentation.
- The schools focus on learning, social, and emotional aspects.
- Middle school will have more environmental peps.
- Elementary is working on recycling.
- The students can do projects with us.
- Outdoor classroom at Wildwood was paid for by the Home & School Walkathon and the DPW built it saving \$20,000.

Marnie Vyff discussed EcoWeekend.

- EcoWeekend is definitely April 28-30
- Trout Derby is too far off to include this year.
- Trash Day, Rainbarrel Workshop, are in good shape
- Janet will check with Doug on Shredding Day and Blood Drive.
- Marnie will check with Chief of Police on Drug Take Back.
- Banners will be made for EcoWeekend, Environmental Commission, and possibly Shade Tree Commission.
- The EC logo needs to happen soon to use it on the bags and banners. Allison will do it.
- This year we will have a rainbarrel workshop and hopefully an Organic Yard Care Class with composters available. We have to decide if the composters will be in front of the DPW on Saturday or at the High School on Sunday.

The next meeting is April 7, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Marnie Vyff