

## **Green Team Meeting**

**June 20, 2019**

### Topics of Discussion

- Littering
  - The group came to a general consensus that curbing the trend of littering and highway cleanup were of upmost concern. Areas of concentration included areas adjacent to Route 70 and Berry Road. One recommendation was to work with our Township's numerous businesses in effort to tackle this problem.
- Recognition
  - In order to encourage residents and businesses to strive for a higher standard of landscaping and to promote general upkeep of Township properties, it was recommended that the Township recognize those who go above and beyond in demonstration of green practices and beautification efforts.
    - Use the model established by Washington County.
- Act 101 Compliance
  - The Township receives Act 101 funding. We can use some of those revenues to establish an advertising campaign and assist in cleanup efforts.
    - I encourage all members to familiarize themselves with Act 101 here: <https://prc.org/learn-act/act-101/>
  - Partner with local businesses to promote awareness of recycling compliance and cleanup opportunities.
  - Continue to reach out to businesses throughout the year to inform them of their act 101 obligations.
    - Much of their recycling collection data is sent directly from their appointed hauler.
- Enforcement on a Residential Level
  - Work with Waste Management in effort to raise awareness of recycling participation. Waste Management could also help gauge overall compliance.
    - Use our code enforcement officers to gauge participation (both for businesses and residents)
      - What are our options for penalties for those who do not comply?
    - It is the law outlined in our Township Code. People pay for it, so why aren't they recycling?
- Social Media and Email Outreach
  - Many solutions to common questions are already outlined on the Township website. It was suggested that in order to reach a greater number of residents the Township should begin to collect emails and establish a greater social media presence.
    - Use the Washington County PA What's Going On! Facebook page as a vessel of communication
- Build Relationships with Local Schools

- Provide handouts about stormwater and community efforts to mitigate litter and pollution to children.
    - MS4 Program MCM 1 & 2 (public education and outreach)
- Encourage Green Infrastructure
  - Solar Panels
    - Host an informational session for residents and businesses to gather information for potential projects. Mr. Luketich mentioned a similar event that was held in Waynesburg.
- Composting
  - It was discovered that many residents are unaware of our current composting operations. We need to develop better outreach to build upon our current offerings.
    - The idea of a Christmas tree drop-off or collection was mentioned.
  - What happens to our compost when it is dropped off at AG-Recycle? Could we have access to some of the finished product?
- Glass Recycling
  - How can we best reach out to members of our community to alert them of the new rules and regulations regarding glass recycling?
    - How can Waste Management help? Can waste collection employees help distribute materials?
  - We need to promote awareness for our November 2<sup>nd</sup> PRC hosted event
    - We may have the event sooner (dependent on PRC)
  - In house collection events
    - Use Public Works Department, rent equipment, promote to our residents exclusively.
- Alternative Forms of Awareness
  - Provide an information center in Community Park. Some residents may not use email or social media, this station could promote awareness of general events and news within the Township.
    - This center would need routinely monitored in order to stay up-to-date

#### Topics for Discussion at the upcoming meeting (July)

1. Presentation of our website and current “green” initiatives and operations
2. Litter pickup event
  - a. Outreach to local businesses (Tanger Outlets example)
  - b. Set a date
  - c. Select Location
3. Discovery conversation concerning glass recycling
  - a. Continue discussion concerning in house collection effort
  - b. Promote November 2<sup>nd</sup> PRC event
    - i. Finalize location (Municipal Building, Trinity East Elementary, Community Park, etc.)

**Notes** \* A general consensus was the third Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. would be an amicable meeting time. A Doodle poll will be sent out to determine July's meeting date in order to accommodate Mr. Burns' prior commitment.