

Green Team Meeting

August 15, 2019

6:00 P.M.

Attendees: Assistant to the Township Manager Patrick Conners, Bracken Burns (Supervisor), Rich Luketich (Supervisor), Mark McCurdy, Kathy Pienkowski, Janie Deemer, Emily Minor, Mary Helicke, Robin Richards, Bill Ursic, Mike Sherrieb, and Gaylord Plants.

Topics of Discussion

- Glass Collection Event (August 24th)
 - o Mr. Conners outlined the structure of the event, highlighting that three separate dumpsters will be delivered to 680 Floral Hill Drive the day before the event for the separation of glass into clears, ambers, and greens.
 - o The topic of blue glass was brought up. Mr. Conners stated that a separate small bin would be provided for the rarer, but still prominent blue glass.
 - o Mr. Sherrieb provided yellow safety vests for the event. Mr. Plants and Mr. Luketich stated they would bring pop-up tents for the event.
 - o Mr. Conners distributed a sign-up sheet for the event. A total of 8 volunteers signed up for the event. Mr. Conners noted that two members of the Public Works Department would also be on site to assist during the event.
 - o Mr. Conners stated he would acquire the names and addresses of all participants dropping off glass. He also mentioned collecting email addresses to alert participants of upcoming and nearby glass collection efforts.
 - The group discussed handing out pamphlets and literature about recycling at upcoming events.
- Glass Collection Event (September 28th)
 - o Mr. Conners discussed the two possible locations for the glass collection event to be hosted by the Pennsylvania Resources Council on September 28th. The first location would be the parking area between the Police Department and the Municipal Building while the second location proposed is the Public Works facility at 680 Floral Hill Drive. Mr. Conners highlighted that evaluating the effectiveness and turnout of the August 24th event will play a large role in selecting the location.
- Roadway cleanup
 - o Public Works Supervisor Grego identified several roads that have litter and garbage along their right-of-way. The list of roads was distributed to members of the Green Team along with a map of the Township. The list was as follows:
 - Berry Road, Fischer Road, Cameron Road, Munce Road, Meadowview Road, Rankin Road, Roupe Road, Mitchell Road, Beagle Club Road, Booth Road, Meyers Road, Gerber Road, Strabane Road, and Kopper Kettle Road.
 - Mr. Conners noted that the list is fluid and subject to change.
 - o It was suggested by members of the Group that the Public Works Department should be tasked with mowing the areas selected prior to the pickup event taking place.

- The group recommended that items such as grabbers, gloves, safety vests, etc. are provided by the Township for the cleanup event.
- Ms. Deemer stated her cleanup events typically take place in the spring and fall (after the first frost) which allows for greater visibility of trash and debris due to the decreased vegetation.
 - October 5th and 12th were selected as tentative dates for cleanup with Berry Road and Cameron Road being of upmost priority.
- Mr. Ursic recommended establishing a routine for street cleanup events.
- Members discussed posting signage recognizing the efforts of the Green Team along roadways cleaned by the group.
- Upgraded Infrastructure
 - Mr. Luketich discussed a program which provides cameras to municipalities at little to no charge. Installing such security parameters at the former Public Works Facility (253 Zediker Station Road) was suggested to allow 24/7 drop off for organic materials such as leaves, grass, limbs, and brush.
- Certifications
 - Mr. Burns suggested the Township seek membership and recognition from Groups such as Tree City USA to promote tree planting and preservation. Mr. Conners stated that he had applied for membership and gained recognition as a Tree City while working for Edgeworth Borough. Mr. Conners briefly discussed the parameters involved within the application process.
 - Mr. Burns and Mr. Luketich highlighted the need for the Public Works Department to acquire various certifications and licenses which may be able to count towards the application process.
 - Mr. Luketich identified arborist training opportunities offered by the Penn State extension.
- Commercial Recycling Participation
 - The Group discussed establishing the structure of a formal policy/program which will seek to incrementally increase business recycling participation throughout the Township. Mr. Burns outlined a communication strategy that will seek to establish correspondence throughout the year, specifically targeting businesses that have not communicated compliance in the past.
 - The Group continued to discuss how to recognize and award business that participate in the recycling program. Stickers, door magnets, and certificates were all discussed as options.
- 2020 and Beyond
 - Mr. Burns highlighted that future projects and goals of the Green Team may be funded by a specified line item included in future budgets.
 - Mr. Luketich discussed issuing Radon test kits and water purity kits to new residents or those who fear their infrastructure has experienced contamination.
- Illicit Discharge
 - Mr. Luketich inquired regarding an illicit discharge near the Precision Marshall facility which is stationed near a local creek. Mr. Sherrieb (who also serves as the

Township's Engineer) discussed the incident, highlighting the matter has been documented and is on file the PADEP. Mr. Sherrieb highlighted the discharge was eliminated and the organization's infrastructure was upgraded to avoid future occurrences.

- Waste Management Recycling Efforts
 - The group discussed its frustration with the overall lack of services and items that are collected through Waste Management's recycling program.
 - Mr. Conners discussed touring the Greenstar Facility on Neville Island and stated that he would acquire a brief video from Waste Management that illustrates the receiving and separation operations that occur at the recycling facility.