

## **Green Team Meeting**

**May 20, 2021**

**5:00 P.M.**

The meeting took place over Zoom.

Attendees: Bracken Burns (Supervisor), Township Manager Brandon Stanick, Assistant to the Township Manager Patrick Connors, Colleen Johnson, Mark McCurdy, Mary Helicke; Penny Steggles, and Bill Ursic

Also in Attendance: Mr. Barry Johnson, Bristol Joseph, and Joanna Joseph

### Topics of Discussion

#### **- Recognition of Local Residents**

- Mr. Burns introduced Mr. Barry Johnson, a Township resident who has committed himself to picking up litter throughout the community. Mr. Johnson stated that what began as an exercise regimen quickly became a passion of his. He noted that his litter pickup routine takes place 3-4 times weekly. He continued by listing the roads and areas which he has cleaned this year. The group thanked Mr. Johnson for his efforts and dedication.
- Mr. Burns then introduced Bristol Joseph, a student at Trinity East Elementary School, noting that she is working to help local monarch butterfly populations. Bristol discussed the difficulties local butterfly populations are facing. She stated that she is selling milkweed which is a key food source and host plant for monarch butterflies. She then illustrated the lifecycle of monarch butterflies. The group thanked Ms. Joseph for her presentation and efforts.

#### **- Beautification Award Program**

- Assistant to the Township Manager Connors provided illustrative materials and messaging regarding the Beautification Award Program. Mr. Burns stated the Township should send an email blast to all available township officials and volunteers. Ms. Johnson inquired if the members of the Green Team could nominate individuals for the recognition. Mr. Burns affirmed that would be fine. He highlighted that the Program is meant to be positive and more nominations would be a good thing for the community. Ms. Steggles noted the Martha Washington Garden Club will be promoting the Program. She also noted promotional materials will be placed in Citizens Library. Mr. Ursic highlighted local businesses can play a role in promoting the Program. Assistant to the Township Manager Connors encouraged members of the Green Team to drop promotional flyers off with local businesses, particularly ones with home improvement and garden centers. Ms. Johnson highlighted that the park informational boxes would be a great location for the flyers.

#### **- Litter Pickup (May 1, 2021)**

- Assistant to the Township Manager Connors stated the approximately 15 volunteers attended the litter pickup event on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. He highlighted that over 25 bags of trash were collected along Berry Road. He thanked all who attended the event. Ms. Steggles stated the group should set another date and time to encourage

continued participation. After some discussion, the group agreed to conduct another litter pickup on Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Assistant to the Township Manager Conner stated that a location (street, park, etc.) would be determined at a later time.

- **Membership Application for Green Team**

- Assistant to the Township Manager Conners provided a draft application for new membership on the Green Team. Mr. Burns highlighted the application should be as basic as possible and should seek to make the group more inclusive and diverse. After a brief discussion, the group advised Staff to place the presented application on the Township's webpage.

- **Closing Thoughts**

- Mr. Burns expressed his desire to see the Recycle Center become a comprehensive one-stop shop for Township residents for all of their recycling needs. He highlighted that aluminum and plastic receptacles could be placed at the site in addition to a cardboard dumpster. A discussion on cardboard recycling ensued. Ms. Helicke stated that recycling services should not be viewed as a money-making program for the Township, but rather as an essential service.

**Adjournment: 6:05 p.m.**