

Green Team Meeting

February 17, 2022

5:00 P.M.

Attendees: Bracken Burns, Chair; Janie Deemer; Barry Johnson; Colleen Johnson; Mark McCurdy; Roger Shaw; and Don Sisul.

Also in Attendance: Brandon Stanick, Township Manager; Jim Sutter, Assistant to the Township Manager; Corey Young; and Max Clark

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Topics of Discussion

- Solar Power Discussion

- Chair Burns introduced Corey Young and Max Clark from the Washington & Jefferson College, Center for Energy Policy and Management. He stated they were in attendance to provide an overview of the work they are doing in promoting solar energy in the area.
- Mr. Young provided a brief overview of the Center. Mr. Clark stated solar energy is a broad topic and asked the group what at large where they wish to focus. Chair Burns stated he is interested in looking literally at what the Township can do with their facilities. He stated a desire to take advantage of the opportunity to create energy without infringing on natural beauty. He also added it would be an easier sell to the Board of Supervisors if they can be convinced of the economic benefits.
- Mr. Young distributed packets to the group that provided an overview on the work being done by municipalities in generating solar power and funding opportunities for developing a solar power system. Mr. Young and Mr. Clark went through the items in the packet and provided additional detail where appropriate.
- Chair Burns stated he envisions powering the municipal buildings with solar energy and asked if this would be possible. Mr. Young and Mr. Clark provided more detail on how solar energy is contributed to the overall power grid. A discussion ensued on solar power purchase agreements as a strategy for obtaining solar panels.

- Glass Recycling

- Assistant to the Township Manager Jim Sutter stated he had received from Michael Brothers regarding the amount of glass recycled from the dumpster located at the Township Recycle Center Facility in 2021. He reported 54.54 tons of glass were recycled from the dumpster during the entire year. This represented a 35% increase from the 40.44 tons collected in 2020.
- Mr. Sutter stated this significant increase implies great demand for glass recycling in the Township. To meet this demand Township Staff will continue to evaluate ways for providing residents with additional opportunities to recycle glass. He added, the reporting of these materials will go towards increasing the funds received from the State through the Recycling Performance Grant.
- Ms. Deemer inquired on the cost of having Michael Brothers transport the dumpster and if the Township would even make money or break even on this. Mr. Sutter

stated he didn't have these figures at hand, but could do a cost-benefit analysis and report on it at a future meeting.

- **Litter Pickup**

- With the end of Winter approaching, a discussion ensued on when to hold the next litter pickup event. It was decided to tentatively schedule a pickup for 9 a.m. on March 5th, with the understanding that it would be pushed to March 12th if the weather was not appropriate. Mr. Sutter stated he would discuss locations with Public Works Director Russell Grego and reach back out to the rest of the Green Team as the date approached.

As no further business came to the attention of the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment: 5:56 p.m.