

SOUTH STRABANE TOWNSHIP  
GREEN TEAM MEETING NOTES

May 19, 2022

**APPROVED MEETING NOTES**

The South Strabane Township Green Team held its Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 5:02 p.m.

Present: Mark McCurdy, Acting Chair; Janie Deemer; Colleen Johnson; Roger Shaw; Penny Steggles

Also Present: Jim Sutter, Assistant to the Township Manager

The Meeting Notes from the March 17, 2022 Meeting were reviewed and approved.

A discussion ensued regarding reaching out to the schools regarding recycling and students participating in litter pickup for volunteer hours. It was the consensus of the Green Team for Mr. McCurdy to contact Dr. Don Snoke, Assistant Superintendent of Trinity Area School District, to set up a meeting to discuss these items.

**1. 2022 Property Beautification Discussion**

Assistant to the Township Manager Jim Sutter presented drafts of the advertising flyer and nomination application for the 2022 Property Beautification Awards Program (“Program”). It was the consensus of the Green Team for Staff to move forward with finalizing the drafts and launching the Program. A discussion ensued on the timing of the launch, with the decision made to advertise the acceptance of nominations beginning next Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A discussion ensued on what prizes would be given to the winners. It was the consensus of the Green Team to have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes in each category receive a yard sign, be recognized at a Board of Supervisors’ Meeting and receive a gift card. Ms. Steggles stated Stimmels Greenhouse would likely be willing to provide gift cards again this year. She stated she would reach out to confirm.

**2. Salt Watch**

Mr. Shaw gave a report on his participation in the Salt Watch program through the Izaak Walton League (“League”). This initiative of the League is to track road salt pollution in local streams. Mr. Shaw stated the Little Chartiers Creek was tested at 140 parts per million (“ppm”), while 230 ppm is considered toxic. He contrasted this with Catfish Creek which tested at 569 ppm but noted the City of Washington likely stores their road salt near the test site. Mr. Shaw stated they often try to do testing immediately after a snow melt-off.

Ms. Johnson asked if the League posts notices on high readings. Mr. Shaw went over the process in more detail, noting the League posts the results. Mr. Shaw stated road salt is a necessity for safety, but said private companies put too much down as they charge per the amount used. Mr. Shaw stated he would like to obtain more readings within the Township next year, with focus on

Manifold and the Run from Tanger Outlets. It was the consensus of the Green Team to request Staff solicit volunteers for this effort in a future edition of the newsletter.

**3. Litter Pickup**

A discussion on if and how to include school-aged children in litter pickup from earlier in the meeting was revisited. A discussion on when to hold the next litter pickup was held with the consensus of the Green Team being to have it on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Mr. Sutter stated he would solicit suggested locations from other Green Team members and Public Works Director Russ Grego. June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. was selected as a rain date.

Discussion was held on a potential Township-wide litter pickup day. It was the consensus of the Green Team to aim for early Fall as a potential date to have the event to allow for proper planning and advertising.

**4. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Green Team, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.