

SOUTH STRABANE TOWNSHIP
GREEN TEAM MEETING NOTES

June 16, 2022

APPROVED MEETING NOTES

The South Strabane Township Green Team held its Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 5:04 p.m.

Present: Mark McCurdy, Acting Chair; Janie Deemer; Mary Helicke; Colleen Johnson; and Penny Steggles

Also Present: Jim Sutter, Assistant to the Township Manager

1. Discussion Points for Meeting with Dr. Donald Snoke, Assistant Superintendent of Trinity Area School District

Acting Chair McCurdy stated he got in touch with Dr. Donald Snoke and had set up a meeting for 11:30 a.m. on this coming Monday. The current plan is to tour the current solar and gardening facilities. Upon a question from Ms. Johnson, Acting Chair McCurdy stated the meeting will take place at Trinity Area High School. Ms. Johnson recommended keeping the meeting brief and simple. A discussion on when to broach the topic of recycling during the meeting ensued. Ms. Johnson recommended taking the tactic of asking Dr. Snoke how the Green Team could help with recycling. Further discussion on recycling ensued. By consensus of the Green Team, it was decided the key points to be part of the discussion would be the mutual areas of interest, current efforts by the school district and recycling. Ms. Johnson and Ms. Steggles indicated they would attend the meeting with Acting Chair McCurdy and Ms. Deemer stated she would maybe be able to attend.

2. Fall Community Clean-up Day Planning

Assistant to the Township Manager Jim Sutter stated the Green Team had previously indicated a desire to hold a Community Clean-Up Day in the Fall. He stated Staff requires direction regarding the specific date and methods of advertising. Mr. McCurdy recommended coordinating with a County E-Waste Recycling Day. A discussion ensued on the type of clean-up day and whether it is desirable to coordinate with a county-wide effort. Mr. Sutter stated he would look up any events already scheduled and they would continue planning efforts at the next meeting.

3. Property Beautification Update

Mr. Sutter stated they have to date received one nomination and the deadline remains August 1, 2022. Acting Chair McCurdy stated he hasn't submitted any nominations yet, but has heard from one potential nominee. A discussion ensued on additional advertising. Ms. Steggles stated the Martha Washington Garden Club ("MWGC") has agreed to do the judging again this year. Acting Chair McCurdy raised for discussion the possibility of having other groups or individuals involved in the judging as well. Ms. Steggles stated her belief the MWGC would not be opposed but noted the judgement should be impartial. It was the consensus of the Green Team for the MWGC to be the sole judges at least for this year. A discussion ensued on prizes and the awards presentation.

4. Yard Waste Recycling Overview

Mr. Sutter provided an update on the Township's current efforts to encourage and collect yard waste recycling. A discussion ensued.

5. Litter Pickup

A discussion occurred on the selection of litter pickup locations. Ms. Deemer recommended surveying proposed sites to ensure it is an area in need of being picked. Acting Chair McCurdy raised the possibility of including students with pickup. Ms. Johnson suggested including local small businesses in pickup efforts. A discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Green Team to hold the next litter pickup event on June 25th with details to be determined.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Green Team, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.