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2. Minutes

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Long Branch Green Team Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2023

Call to order

- The meeting was called to order by Nan at 7:10 PM

Attendees:

- Attendees: Maxine Greenwald, Bruce Davis, Rich Catanese, Manju Chidambaram, Phil Falcone, Nan Simon, Enis Bengul, Laura Tebele, Alicia Cauley, Suzan Cole, Evan Strauss

Key Discussion Points:

- Completed:
 - Green Fair / Arbor Day Celebration - debrief / suggestions for next year
 - Recommend to be an annual event
 - Designate chair/co-chair in the fall to start planning for next year
 - Suggestions to consider for next year:
 - Larger Space, e.g., Bucky James or School Gym
 - Sign-In Sheet for Attendees
 - More advertising, especially with the schools
 - Start earlier engaging with the schools, work through sustainability lead
 - Fewer Trees – 150 vs. 220
 - Invite Recycling Company
 - Scavenger Hunt for Kids
 - More Giveaway's
 - Seven Presidents Heritage Trail Map
 - Kiosk to be set up for maps near boardwalk area
- Committee Reports:
 - Green Business Recognition Program
 - Last few deliverables are nearing completion: certificate and announcement flyer. Meeting to be scheduled with Ricky to coordinate next steps.
 - Once launched, we may need additional volunteers to meet with city businesses to assess how they meet requirements – attendees requested we do a deeper dive on the program at the June meeting
 - Tree Committee
 - Contract awarded to Davey Tree via City Council Resolution
 - Bike Committee



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- Final draft of existing conditions report out for comments by Steering Committee
- ERI – on June 20th Planning Board Agenda – no further update
- Sneaker / Trex Recycling
 - Ocean First Bank started collecting at 5 branches, may also add their HQ location. Recycling box will be moved to temporary library location plus additional box located at Elberon Branch.
 - Alicia to investigate if gym in West End might be interested in hosting a sneaker recycling box
 - Pursuing restart of capturing data on plastic film recycling for Trex Benches
- Health/Technology Center Green Space Opportunity
 - Rutgers Water Resources Program has offered to design a demonstration rain garden and possibly a comprehensive plan for the Green Space. Need city to confirm that DPW or contractor will implement the Rain Garden.

New Business/Additional Discussion:

- Sustainable Jersey Conference Debrief – Kathy & Nan attended. Strong focus on Energy Savings and replacement of gas engines.
- Rules for Community Solar may be evolving to allow access outside of the immediate neighborhoods
- Enis to develop proposal for Styrofoam recycling pilot in collaboration with Manju's husband

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM