

1. No Agenda

There is no agenda available for this meeting. Please review the minutes.

1.1. Minutes

Documents:

[LB GREEN TEAM MEETING MINUTES 2023-06-08.PDF](#)



Long Branch Green Team Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2023

Call to order

- The meeting was called to order by Nan at 7:15 PM

Attendees:

- Attendees: Rich Catanese, Manju Chidambaram, Nan Simon, Kathy Buchan, Faith Teitelbaum, Damian Rios

Key Discussion Points:

- Committee Reports:

Tree Committee

- Our Tree Inventory Contract was awarded to Davey Resource Group. We are awaiting a start date. We need to keep track of the in-kind hours we are spending on it.
- Some research on Shade Tree Commissions:
 - There is a Shade Tree Federation in NJ and they have an annual conference in the fall that is worth NJUCF CCEUs.
 - There is a Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission that meets quarterly and has budget oversight of the Tree Division in the County DPW.
 - Team members should reach out to any contacts that they may have from other towns with Shade Tree Commissions to understand what they are doing
- SJ Natural Resources Category:
 - In order to get 20 SJ points we need to keep our NJUCF Accreditation up to date:
 1. Have a Forest Management Plan. We are good now. Our update is due 12/24.
 2. We need at least 2 people to get 8 CEUs by Dec 31, 2023. We also must have two active city employees with core training. This will be raised with Stan Dziuba as it needs to be done by end of year.
 3. Faith would like to take Autumn Dendrology Workshop 4 CEUs at Duke Farms Nov 4 and go the Shade Tree Federation Annual Conference, CEUs TBD



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4. This is what's available to anyone on the Green Team for NJUCF CEUs on the SJ website:

- August 5, 2023
Duke Farms
[Summer Dendrology Workshop](#) (in-person, Hillsborough, NJ) 4 CEUs
- November 4, 2023
Duke Farms
[Autumn Dendrology Workshop](#) (in-person, Hillsborough, NJ) 4 CEUs
- October 26 and 27, 2023
New Jersey Shade Tree Federation
[NJSTF 98th Annual Conference](#) (in-person, Cherry Hill, NJ) CEUs TBD
- Ongoing, must be completed by December 31, 2023
USDA Forest Service & Arbor Day Foundation
[Tree Board University](#) (on-line asynchronous) 7 CEUs

Webinars

The following webinars or webinar series have been pre-approved for NJ Urban & Community Forestry Program (NJUCF) Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

Webinars must be attended "live" (at the time they originally air) in order to receive CEU credit.

- [Spotted Lanternfly Permit Training for Businesses NJ](#) (appropriate for DPW crew leaders)
ongoing, submit permit as proof of course completion (2 CEUs)
- [Urban Forest Connections Webinar Series](#)
Second Wednesdays, 1:00 – 2:15 ET (1 CEU)
- [Urban Forestry Today Webinar Series](#)
Check the link for dates and times (1 CEU)
- [TREE Fund Webinars](#)
Check the link for dates and times (1 CEU)
- [US Forest Service Forestry and Natural Resource Webinars](#)
Check the link for dates and times (1 CEU)
- [Urban Natural Resources Institute i-Tree Webinar Series](#)
Check the link for dates and times (1 CEU)
- [EAB University Webinar Series](#)
Check the link for dates and times (.5 - 1 CEU)



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If attending free sessions, please make sure that you take the steps to secure the CEUs and report this information to Faith. If cost is involved, let Nan know so she can request funding from the EC.

Bike Committee

- Recommendations have been drafted and reviewed by steering committee. Revisions are underway with a target to deliver final report this summer.

Sneaker / Trex Recycling

- Alicia will begin collecting sneakers at Absolute Strength Gym
- Nan will start reporting plastic recycling volumes to qualify for Trex benches

Health/Technology Center Green Space Opportunity

- Plans are evolving to include demolition of additional buildings. Once the initial landscape plan is developed, EC/GT will be given an opportunity to review the plan and identify options for Green Infrastructure. City needs to commit to building any Green Infrastructure before Rutgers agrees to design it.

Green Business Recognition

- Preliminary materials reviewed and approved by OCED. Website under development by Assistant Director of OCED. Once website is available we will work with the city on launching the program.
- WIP – no update required
 - ERI adoption by city– on June 20th Planning Board Agenda

New Business/Additional Discussion:

- Styrofoam Recycling
 - Enis following up with Manju's husband on next steps



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- Stormwater Management Mapping – a proposal for GT volunteers to assist city with storm water mapping using a mobile phone app to comply with MS4 permitting rules was discussed. Nan and Faith attended a workshop at The Watershed Institute where they learned how to use the tool. The proposal will be brought forward to EC. GT will be enlisted to provide volunteers if DPW agrees to collaborate.
- A potential proposal to consolidate GT and EC meetings was shared with the GT. GT members asked that if meetings were combined all GT members would be permitted to actively participate.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM