

July Sustainability Committee/Green Team Zoom Meeting
Jul 21, 2020 05:00 PM

Present: Cindy Unangst, Ann Payne, Rick Dietrick, Gene Fleeman, Dave Lake, Agnesanne Danehey, Mark Carney, Pam McDonald, Sean O'Keefe

May and June meeting minutes were approved.

2020 Green Lectures are still on hold.

MUCFC grant application was submitted February 14th and awarded \$1,000 for tree planting. Tentative tree planting suggested for Tuesday, November 3rd (Election Day).

Tree City USA – We need to determine where to locate our two TC street signs we received. Town entrances were suggested.

Tree Trail at Wiles Branch Park – Identified trees are tagged. M'town's GIS person will map the identified/named trees for addition to the town's website. Memorial Tree tags should be located within mulch borders to avoid mowing problems.

Loraxers - Tree Subcommittee, no report. A walk is being planned for all CS to explore Frederick's Waterford Park's established meadow, trail, well-marked large native plantings. Date tba.

Compost bins – only three left! Greenbelt has extra that we can purchase, but we need to pick them up. We can purchase at \$36 apiece and sell for \$40. Due to staffing overload, pick up could be complicated. Town crews were unable to pick up our 50 trees, which await us at a nursery. Once we have them, we will keep the trees to plant in the fall.

Comprehensive Plan - We are asked to add to the Sustainability chapter. October 1st is the deadline for content. Mark agreed to search sustainability sections in other town's Comprehensive Plans.

Bee City USA - Mark and Cindy conferred with Burgess Miller. Mark has submitted BC application, to be introduced to town on Monday. Once formally approved and accompanied by \$100 fee, we will be a Bee City USA town, one of two in MD. We will be committed to actions agreed upon with Xerces Society to maintain our status.

Mark is searching Google Earth to search for potential pollinator conservation sites. Site selection will be on an upcoming SC agenda. We anticipate a significant reduction in town mowing. Gene will ask Frederick County Beekeepers for bee keepers we might ask about desirable bee fodder. Cindy will also search Expo records for local bee keeper names.

We will run an annual audit of the town's landscaping expenses to monitor/report on compliance.

Sustainability Committee Manual has been suggested. We may include Night Sky compliance, compost bins, school composting (whenever . . .), Pollinator, Bee and Tree City initiatives, memorial tree program, and more.

Pollinator resolution – Pollinator resolution being sent to Village of Foxfield HOA. It will help inform our Bee City program.

County Climate Change Emergency Resolution passed on 07/21.

County Forest Resource Ordinance amendment unanimously passed on 07/21. Zoning Ordinance vote delayed for two more weeks.

Planters - Ten tree-sized and eight smaller planters will be placed throughout downtown. Becky and Cindy are querying businesses. Tulip poplars were selected for the tree planters. Trees will be removed and planted in town after two years. We will make native plant suggestions for fall.

August meeting date – third Tuesday – August 18th

GOALS FOR 2020:

PLANT 100 TREES IN 2020				
CREATE A TREE GIFT PROGRAM - GOAL OF \$1000				
QUANTIFY/SHOW PROGRESS [MEASURABLE GOAL NEEDED] ON 25% CANOPY BY 2025				
HOLD GREEN EXPO - APR 25				
SUPPORT MES LOOL PROGRAM - FINANCIAL/VOLUNTEER SUPPORT				
PROMOTE & SELL 20 COMPOSTING BINS				
PROMOTE & SELL 25 RAIN BARRELS (GRANT REQUEST)				
EVALUATE & RECOMMEND STREETLIGHT BUYBACK PROGRAM TO TOWN BOARD				
CREATE 2 AC POLLINATOR MEADOW NEAR SOLAR ARRAY				
EDUCATION ON STORMWATER PERMIT PROGRAMS				