



Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2017

ATTENDEES: Cindy Unangst, Mark Carney, Ann Payne, Joyce Tuten, Sean O'Keefe, Rick Dietrick, Andrea Kaleta, and new member Jamie Moore.

1. New members – we welcomed Jamie Moore. Another potential new member is Gary Greening.
2. Meeting minutes – minutes from March were approved. (No minutes were taken in April when we met at Memorial Park to discuss the logistics for the Green Expo.)
3. Green Expo – follow-up
 - a. Music – all agreed that we liked the student talent that Paul G. brought in this year.
 - b. Emcee – all agreed that it was good to have Chris as the emcee using his equipment although with Paul's new location, that probably would have been okay as well.
 - c. Shredding event – 4,300 lbs. shredded this year; all in all it went well; made some suggestions for a smoother event next year including signage.
 - d. Electronic recycling – Joyce gave a report of how things worked out with taking various electronics to the recycling center at the landfill and also to e-end. Next year we will plan to get e-end at the Expo to take care of the electronic recycling.
 - e. Metal recycling – Jack Metzner called after the Expo to apologize for dropping the ball on this aspect, and will ensure that for next year's event we will have this in place.
 - f. Recreational bike ride/parade – there was much less participation this year in the bike ride and Ann suggested that maybe next year it could be a 'ride for a cause' type of event.
 - g. Kid's nature crafts – Ann said that they (as well as the other kids craft tables) were swarmed with kids throughout the event.
 - h. Tree planting – tree planting went well and Cindy was happy with the help she had from attendees.

- i. Girl Scouts – all agreed that having the Girl Scouts volunteer at the event was great! The face-painting station was an added bonus. Cindy stated that this year there were 78 people who participated in the raffling off of the rain barrel and the compost bin. Last year there were 27 people who participated.
 - j. Vendors/organizations/booths – we talked about the guidelines going forward for next year and agreed to not impose a fee again next year since we are still growing our event. It was suggested that we follow-up with the vendors/exhibitors to ask them whether it was worth it for them to be there. We discussed the possibility of adding a vegan food vendor. We will discuss a possible date for next year's Expo at next month's meeting.
4. Bee-keeping ordinance – there was much discussion on the draft ordinance that Ann provided to us, with concerns about the proposed density of bee hives on small lots. Jamie stated that getting into beekeeping isn't cheap and thought that we wouldn't get a lot of residents wanting to get into this. In the end, it was decided that maybe the best thing to do is to just have the Town support the County's regulations and give a presentation during a Town Board meeting to increase the public's knowledge of the need to protect bees and the current regulations in place by the County.
 5. Bike racks in parks – did not have time to get to this item.
 6. EPA's Green Power Partnership Agreement – Mark explained the program and how the Town's output of the solar array is double what is needed to enter into the Agreement.
 7. Streambank restoration – Mark said that during the bike ride along the Cone Branch Creek during the Expo he noticed all the streambank erosion. He contacted Lisa Orr about it and she gave him some others to contact who are involved in those kinds of projects. There is possibly some grant monies available that we will look into.
 8. Planter planting date change – Sean stated that the Main Street planter planting date originally scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd is now tentatively set for Saturday, June 24th.
 9. Next meeting date – June 21, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.