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SUSTAINABLE OAKLAND GREEN TEAM

November 23, 2021 Meeting 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order at 7:32 p.m. via ZOOM Video Conferencing. Chair Alison Fleeson, Vice Chair Maria Glasson, Carrie Terwilliger, Pat Weiman, Andrea Levy, Brian Reilly, Ron Petherbridge, and Borough Administrator Designee Michael Carelli all present. Council Liaison Eric Kulmala, Nicole Nittoli, Courtney Carbone, Nancy Krause, Jessica Stroud, Dana Vodde Andro, and Tracy DiTolla all absent. On motion of Maria Glasson and seconded by Andrea Levy, Nancy Krause, Jessica Stroud, and Tracy DiTolla excused.

Meeting Announcement: This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, duly announced, advertised and posted in the municipal building.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

- **September 2021, October 2021:**
 - Meeting Minutes approval tabled until January 2022.

Open to the Public:

Motion to open to the public made by Andrea Levy and seconded by Maria Glasson. All in favor.

No members of the public present.

Motion to close to the public made by Andrea Levy and seconded by Carrie Terwilliger. All in favor, no abstained or opposed.

Old Business:

- **Sustainable Jersey Certification for 2021:**
 - The Borough has achieved Silver Certification for 2021 for the second consecutive year. The Borough was approved for 36 actions in 14 categories for a total of 445 points. Brian Reilly suggested the Borough do some public outreach in the local paper and on social media. Brian Reilly agreed to take the lead on this. Maria Glasson suggested the Oakland Patch.
- **Oakland Styrofoam Drive – January 2022:**

- The Sustainable Oakland Green Team is hosting a Styrofoam Drive on January 8, 2022 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Oakland Borough Hall, 1 Municipal Plaza, Oakland, N.J. 07436. Brian Reilly is the lead on the event, and Andrea Levy Realtor is the event sponsor. Maria Glasson suggested reaching out to the local scouts for assistance. Jennifer Mason is a Scout so she agreed to reach out to her group.
- **Styrofoam Free Business Program:**
 - Brian Reilly updated that the Green Team has started outreach to the local business owners. The Oakland Community of Commerce and Environmental Commission have agreed to assist. Brian Reilly stated that there are approximately 35 businesses in total, as well as the School system. Jennifer Mason agreed to reach out to the schools for further communication. Brian Reilly added that the goal is to have this program reach all of the business owners and done within 2 months. Brian Reilly concluded that he would send out the Google link to the group.
- **Oakland Community Garden:**
 - Carrie Terwilliger reported that the end of season cleanup and meet up took place and was successful. Some gardeners want their beds for 2022, and the Green Team will announce bed registration for returning owners before reaching back out to the public. Michael Carelli is working with the Borough Council on an amended fee ordinance for the \$10.00 discount for folks that donated their produce to a local food pantry.
 - 203 total pounds of produce were donated in 2021.
 - It was suggested to hold a pre-season meeting in March 2022.
- **Seed Bank:**
 - Dana Andro and Maria Glasson will pull seeds out of Library and redo the catalog box.
 - Maria Glasson needs rubber bands, and will get from Michael Carelli.
- **Pollinator Garden:**
 - The Pollinator Garden was planted in Great Oak Park. There were 150 total plants. Assistance is needed with mowing and weeding for 2022.
- **Oakland Green Fair:**
 - Carrie Terwilliger and Alison Fleeson to kick off event in 2022. Andrea Levy confirmed that the Oakland Public Events Committee could assist.
- **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:**
 - Michael Carelli reported that he is compiling quotations and will report back in early 2022. The charging station will be on Borough property in the Downtown Shoppers Lot, and will be built for future expansion. Systems such as FLO EV, Charge Point, Plug in Stations Online, and Volta are being explored.

New Business:

- **Annual PSE&G Grant:**
 - Michael Carelli reported that the annual Sustainable Jersey PSE&G Grant is due in February 2022. Proposals and ideas will be put together for the January 2022 Meeting.
 - The grant must be approved at the January 25, 2022 Meeting as it needs Borough Council approval on February 9, 2022.
- **2022 Elections:**
 - There will be a vote for Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Board Members for 2022 at the January 25, 2022 Meeting.
 - The Borough Council will be considering a paid Secretary for the Green Team for 2022. More details to come.
- **Reinstatement of the Green Team:**

- The Green Team will be reinstated at the first Borough Council Meeting in 2022. All members are asked to submit Citizen Leadership Forms for 2022 to the Borough Clerk's Office, 1 Municipal Plaza, Oakland, N.J. 07436.

Motion to Close by Pat Weiman, Seconded by Brian Reilly. All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Next Meeting on **Tuesday January 25, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM** Video Conferencing.