

BOROUGH OF OAKLAND
Sustainable Oakland Green Team
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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September 27, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Oakland Sustainable Oakland Green Team opened on Tuesday September 27, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, N.J. 07436.

ROLL CALL: **Present:** **Chair Alison Fleeson, Brian Reilly, Carrie Terwilliger, Ron Petherbridge, Council Liaison Eric Kulmala, William Eilert, Brian Reilly, Andrea Levy, Borough Administrator Designee Michael Carelli.**

Absent: **Maria Glasson, Pat Weiman, Olivia Yessis, Matthew Fichter, Elena Blanke.**

On motion of William Eilert, seconded by Alison Fleeson, all absent members be excused.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Chair Alison Fleeson opened for public comment.

No public present.

Chair Alison Fleeson closed the public session.

FALL STYROFOAM DRIVE:

Brian Reilly advised that the Styrofoam Drive was a success. Over 100 bags and 100 cars were present. Approximately 500 pounds was collected. The Green Team will continue to research a permanent collection within the Borough in the near future. Councilman Kulmala suggested a shared service with another municipality. Most attendees were Oakland residents. Alison Fleeson asked for statistics in regards to the old Styrofoam bins.

CHOPTOBERFEST:

Event was a success. Carrie suggested more giveaways and materials for the Carnival. Carrie Terwilliger will come up with ideas.

PARK CLEANUP EVENT:

The cleanup was a success. There was approximately 10 participants. Over 200 tubes were removed due to drought issues.

COMMUNITY GARDEN:

This year has been a success. There is a food donation scheduled for Friday September 30, 2022. The drought has affected the growing crop. Carrie Terwilliger suggested a cleanup on Friday October 7, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Another date will be provided for a weekend in November. The mulch has helped with low maintenance issues as in year's past. Carrie Terwilliger suggested purchasing fertilizer or compost material for 2023. It was also suggested to purchase stone for the outside perimeter. It was suggested to blow out the water line by November 1, 2022. Michael Carelli will coordinate with DPW. There is a waitlist for 2023 membership.

NON-MANDATED RECYCLING:

The Green Team suggested reinstituting the rechargeable battery recycling program. The Green Team is looking into crayon and marker recycling for 2023. Carrie and Brian will coordinate this project and potential collection events with the local PTO's. Michael Carelli will ask Peter Havel about adding the program back to the Library. Michael Carelli will contact the Municipal Alliance about recycling eyeglasses. We are researching opportunities for recycling holiday lights. Carrie Terwilliger suggested the tree sale in Copper Tree Mall. Michael will work with Ali on advertising and graphics.

NEW BUSINESS:

Repair it Café: It was suggested to hold an event to repair electronics in 2023. Other Bergen County municipalities do it. More information to be provided.

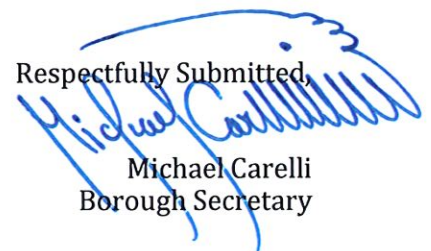
ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Alison Fleeson set forth the motion, seconded by Brian Reilly, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Carelli
Borough Secretary

The next Sustainable Oakland Green Team Meeting is scheduled for:
October 25, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, N.J. 07436