

Sustainable Moorestown Committee Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2022

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order on January 13, 2022. The meeting was held virtually.

The following were in attendance:

Patrick Fowler, Wolfgang Skacel, Bradd Forstein, Barb Kreider, David Hess, Saima Bhutta, Eloise Naylor, Tina Montana, Julia Kurnik, Chris Salvatico (volunteer), Steve Toniatti (volunteer), Mayor Nicole Gillespie, Patty Muscella

II. Election of New Officers

The following were unanimously elected as the Sustainable Moorestown Green Team officers for 2022:

Chairperson: Wolf Skacel

Vice-Chairperson: David Hess

Secretary: Patrick Fowler

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- December meeting minutes were approved.

IV. Review on Old Actions

- All Trails update (Chris, Steve)
 1. Steve created a Sustainable Moorestown All Trails account. He will forward the login details to the committee.
 2. A number of trails have been uploaded to All Trails. Just waiting for All Trails Admin approval which normally takes several months. In the meantime, the committee can login and view using the Sustainable Moorestown account.
 3. For unnamed trails, Chris and Steve will name them after the park they reside in.
 4. **ACTION: Steve & Chris - Continue to upload remaining named trail data to All Trails**
 5. Tina will start promoting once All Trails admin has approved.
- Committee Introductions
 1. Julia Kurnik was welcomed as the committee's newest member.
 2. Julia and the remaining attendees then introduced themselves.

- Sustainable Jersey Certification update (David)
 1. David provided an overview of the Moorestown certification success in past years and the strategy going forward.
 2. Submission due dates have changed for 2022 as follows: Initial submission: 5/22/22, update submission 8/28/22, and final submission due 11/20/22.
- Moorestown Creates - Wolf
 1. Wolf provided an update on this sub-committee.
- Solar Education Initiative - Barb, Bradd
 1. Scheduled for February 16th, 7 - 9pm. Plan is to hold virtually.
 2. Will be recorded, but Nicole to check if any Township requirements.
 3. Bradd plus three other individuals will be on the panel.
 4. **ACTION: Bradd / Barb - finalize agenda and prepare 1 page summary**
 5. **ACTION: Everyone - provide feedback on potential panel questions**
- ERI Update - Chris
 1. Making progress with various sections.
 2. Lou working on Bee City write-up.
- EV Charging Grants - Bradd
 1. Will continue to seek grants / funding
 2. Nicole reported that affordable housing development in the mall will have EV charging stations.
- Adopt a Storm Drain - Tina
 1. Saima and Tina have posted photos.
 2. Nicole reported that the Township is looking to revise leaf pick-up dates to better align with when the leaves are falling to the ground.
 3. Tina's help in communicating leaf pick-up dates is much appreciated!
- Annual Health Fair - Saima
 1. Saima indicated she will need help organizing and project management.
 2. **ACTION: Wolf / Saima / Steve - seek meeting with Cambridge Rehab to see if they will support again this year.**
- Holiday Light Collection - Wolf
 1. Wolf recognized Tina for doing a great job promoting this program!
 2. 1012 pounds collected with still 2 weeks left, exceeding the 950 pounds collected last year.

V. Report from Township Council Liaison

- Mayor Gillespie shared that the Moorestown Township has declared 2022 as “The Year of the Environment in Moorestown”.
 1. Each quarter there will be a different environmental theme:
 - a) Q1: Sustainable Energy
 - b) Q2: Reducing Plastic Usage
 - c) Q3: Sustainable Food Production / Reducing Food Waste

- d) Q4: Air Quality / Transportation
 - (1) Our area has some of the worst air quality in the country.
 - (2) Township will be looking at anti-idling initiatives.
- 2. Ideas for Moorestown Township to pursue are welcome.
- The Township also plans to review and update committee charters this year.

VI. Update from Nancy Jamanow, Director of Community Development

- Patty Muscella attended in place of Nancy.
- Patty reported there are no updates this month

VII. Open Forum

- Spring Yard Sale - confirmed for May 14th.
- Saima thanked Mayor Gillespie for the Township's support for the recent donation drive.
- Patty inquired about the Montclair State University program offering student volunteers for sustainability projects. Unfortunately Burlington County is not included in this program.

VIII. Meeting Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Patrick Fowler

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on February 10, 2022 at 7pm.