

# ***Sustainable Moorestown Committee Meeting Minutes***

March 11, 2021

## **I. Call to order**

Wolfgang Skacel called to order the regular meeting of the Sustainable Moorestown Committee on March 11, 2021. The meeting was held virtually.

The following were in attendance:

Patrick Fowler, Wolfgang Skacel, David Hess, Eloise Naylor, Saima Bhutta, Tina Montana, Marna Andrew, Nancy Jamanow (Township Liaison), Chris Salvatico (guest), Bradd Forstein, Harry Mayer (guest), John Logue (guest), Marcos Montana (guest), and Barb Kreider

## **II. Adoption of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the February 2021 meeting were approved.

## **III. Update from Township Liaison (Nancy Jamanow)**

- Nancy provided updates from other committees including adoption of stormwater regulations from NJ DEP.

## **IV. Update on Open Action Items**

- Sustainable Business Recognition Program - Barb Kreider
  1. Barb proposed that this initiative be put on the back burner for now as we will need to add an evaluation process to the program.
  2. Barb will instead focus on working with Chief Lieber on the “Vulnerable Population Identification for Emergency” element of Sustainable Jersey.
  3. Both Marna and Saima expressed interest in supporting Barb on this effort.
- Pollinator Habitat Pilot Update - Lou Naylor / David Hess
  1. Brian Luesner of Public Works recommended not mowing the pollinator garden until April.
  2. Application submitted to Xerces for free pollinator plugs, but no announcement made yet on who will be awarded the free kits.
  3. Suggestion was made about plant donations. Marna has echinacea she could donate and thought other garden club members might also be willing to donate native plants.
  4. Bee City signs - in progress. Eloise is working on these and expects these will be delivered and mounted in the next 30 days.

5. Bee City Certification renewal - this will be revisited once signs are installed. This renewal will cost \$200.
- Holiday Light Collection Program - Wolf Skacel
  1. Wolf reported that 959 pounds of holiday lights were collected this season. This brings the total for the life of the program to 4264 pounds.
- Health & Wellness Subcommittee (Wolf Skacel)
  1. The subcommittee (Saima, Wolf, Marna, Harry South, and Linda Menighan met and identified several possible initiatives.
  2. Wolf reached out to Theresa Miller regarding some of the ideas developed by the subcommittee, including outdoor Yoga / Tai Chi and an outdoor Health & Wellness Fair in May.
  3. Next meeting is scheduled for March 25th at Cambridge Rehabilitation.
- Spring Community-Wide Yard sale (Chris Salvatico / Wolf Skacel)
  - a) The banner will be up April 16 - 30.
  - b) Registration form and map have been completed and are ready to launch.
  - c) Improvements have been made to the form so registrants can make changes.
- Sustainable Moorestown website update (Tina Montana, Marcos Montana)
  - a) Tina and Marcos provided an excellent update on the website review and planned improvements.
  - b) They are working on finalizing a proposal with a target June 1st go-live date for the new website.
2. Sustainable Jersey Certification - David Hess
  - a) Four resolutions / pledges are up for renewal. David requested that everyone be prepared to vote on a motion at the next meeting.
  - b) David reviewed the application deadlines: June 6 for initial submission, September 10th for the 1st update, and November 21 for the final update.
  - c) Currently David is projecting that we will have 385 points for the June submission. We need an additional 15 points to achieve the Silver level.
  - d) Sustainable Moorestown calendar - Wolf Skacel
    - (1) Wolf to update the calendar to show our 2021 meetings as virtual. Nancy to provide the language to be used.

## **V. New Business**

- Fall yard sale - it was agreed to hold the Fall Yard Sale on the 2nd Saturday in October.
- Daffodil Day - this event will be skipped this year due to the pandemic.
- Native Plant Zoning Packet - Nancy to investigate and work with Eloise on this.
- Sport and Musical Exchange (Bradd) - no update
- Recycling Expansion - Wolf to reach out to Doug Nims
- Storm Drain Adoption (Tina) - no update

## **VI. Open Forum**

- Pulverizing Services Solar Project proposal
  1. Harry Mayer comments on the Pulverizing Services proposal.

- a) He indicated that he is against ground installations that consume open space and would instead like to see projects for solar roof installations on municipal buildings.
  - b) Harry noted that the solar hot water system on Town Hall is not working.
  - c) He recommended that pressure also be applied to schools to complete solar roof projects.
  - d) Harry shared a water saving tip he had implemented using a “Call for Hot Water” button where hot water is recirculated back to the water tank until desired temperature is reached instead of having this water go down the drain. .
2. John Logue comments on Pulverizing Services proposal
- a) John indicated there are Lenola community concerns and interests that should be considered
  - b) He recommends that this community be addressed and included in discussions
  - c) John indicated there are different points of view on the best use of this site.

## **VII. Meeting Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Patrick Fowler

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held virtually on April 8, 2021 at 7pm.