

Sustainable Moorestown Committee Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2022

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order on April 14, 2022.

The following were in attendance:

Patrick Fowler, Wolfgang Skacel, David Hess, Tina Montana, Julia Kurnik, Eloise Naylor, Chris Savlati (volunteer), Carol Ellis (guest)

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- February 2022 meeting minutes were approved as amended.
- March 2022 meeting minutes were approved.

III. Review of Active Action Items

- Sustainable Jersey Recertification (David)
 1. David provided an overview of the Sustainable Jersey certification program
 2. **ACTION: Chris to forward tree maintenance and tree planning documentation to David**
 3. Meeting held with Sustainable Jersey state with plans to review our submission and to obtain feedback on anything we are missing. David Hess and Patty Muscella attended. It was recommended that we include Bee City USA and the Solar Fireside Chat in the COmmunity Outreach/Education submission.
 4. Recommended demonstration projects were the All Trails project and the Till and No Till pollinator garden projects.
 5. Julia mentioned that Garden State Composting is now providing compost pick up services in Moorestown.
 6. **ACTION: Julia/Chris - develop survey on food waste composting to assess interest in composting, including pick up services.**
- ERI Update (Chris)
 1. Expect to finish draft of initial chapters soon
- All Trails update (Chris, Steve)
 1. Mission Accomplished!!!
 2. Our trails have now been published on AllTrails.
 3. Kudos to Chris who started working on this in 2017!
- Daffodil Day - April 23, 2022 (Wolf)
 1. We will have a tent. Lou will bring her live bees display.

2. Julia will prepare a food waste poster.
3. Tina will organize volunteers.
- Moorestown Day is June 4.
 1. We will have a table so we will be looking for volunteers to staff the table.
 2. Plan is to have the Live Bee Display (Lou), Recycling Challenge, and Pollinators by Wildflower display.
 3. We will also have native planting giveaways and various handouts.
- Community-wide Yard Sale - May 14, 2022
 1. There are 39 sign ups so far. We had 173 sign ups last year.
 2. Tina, Chris, and Kelly Flynn will promote the event through social media.

IV. Report from Township Council Liaison

- No update this month.

V. Update from Community Development

- No update this month.

VI. Open Forum

- Arbor Day celebration: April 29th 10am at the South Valley Elementary School.
- Sustainable Moorestown has been asked to organize a library display for July, August, or October.
- It was noted that many storm sewer plaques are missing. Replacing these would be a good volunteer project.
- Pollinator Gardens discussion (Carol Ellis)
 1. Carol Ellis was in attendance. Carol is active in the Garden Club plus is the Administrator for the Camden Avenue Community Garden.
 2. Carol shared that the Camden Avenue Community Garden was recently upgraded with a new fence and new trash cans. The Garden Club acts as an advisor and has donated funds to support.
- Gold Star Energy certification (David)
 1. David provided an overview of this new Sustainable Jersey certification.
 2. Objective is to achieve an 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in 2050 versus 2006 baseline.
 3. We would need to show year on year improvement. Target is for municipalities to reduce 3.6%/year and the community to reduce 1%/year.
 4. Moorestown has an employee already tracking the fleet inventory and municipal building energy usage. Both required for this initiative.

VII. Meeting Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Patrick Fowler

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on May12, 2022 at 7pm.