

## **Green Team Meeting Minutes**

**February 24, 2022**

Attendees:

Sue Alexander  
Melanie Crowder  
Linda Draper  
Madeleine Blake  
Suzanne Blake  
Valerie Beaudin  
Joan Martin  
Amenda Brown  
Ken Rasmussen

Meeting came to order at 6:30

Next meeting scheduled for March 24, 2022 at 6:30 pm Town Hall Conference Room

### **Upcoming Community Events:**

- Bees & Pollinator Gardens – March 5
- Green Team Meeting – March 24
- Dedication of Town Hall Buffer Garden in honor of Nancy Fuerle – April 29
- Spring Clean Up The Town – April 30
- Health & Wellness Fair – May 14
- Paddle & Pathway Pickup – October 1

### **Bayfront Park**

Previous Discussion

- Vote held to sponsor spring cleanup. Approved unanimously.
- Spring cleanup – it was agreed that spring cleanup would focus on other areas town besides just Bayfront Park. Date will be April 30 from 9-noon and will be advertised as the “Green Clean”. Attendees will meet at the Pavillions at Kellam Field – behind the FastStop. Teams will be dispatched based on pre-determined areas in need of clean up. Committee members (?) will look into obtaining Highway vests so teams can clean up Bayside Ave if needed.
- Northern High School will be contacted to see if students can obtain service hours for participation.

### **Signage**

- Holly Wahl is researching cost of updating 2 signs on the boardwalk that misidentify bird/otter

### **Pollinator Gardens:**

- No current discussion

### **Education and Outreach**

- Mike Hunninghake, Program Manager for Sustainable Maryland, will provide introduction for Sam Droege.
- Bee Talk – program is 10- noon; volunteers needed to help set up chairs at 8:45. Registration is currently at approx. 35; capacity is 90. Masks are needed for adults/children – will be distributed based on current county guidelines. Melanie is manning Master Gardeners Table and raffling off Sam Droege book. Green Committee volunteers will man registration table.
- Health and Wellness Fair. Keith Pardieck is sponsoring Health and Wellness Fair on May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10-2. Holly trying to locate Green Comm table top display. Team will hand out seeds (herbs/lettuces etc). Kelly is getting a plant to use for raffle; team needs raffle tickets. Tentatively provide Green logo steel water bottles as giveaways - sue has a digital print artist trying to recreate the committee logo in digital format for use.
- Ivy Cleanup Door Hangers – need to identify point of contact for citizens requesting help; mission will be to educate homeowners how and why to remove ivies from trees; possible have team go out and provide one-off lesson on “how to remove”. Sue will continue to work on design of hanger. Public Works can place the hangers once properties are identified.
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### **Storm Runoff Mitigation**

- No current discussion

### **Tree City USA**

- Budget line item has been submitted for \$24K for Green Committee; \$17K for Tree City use and \$7K for other Green Committee requirements.
- Proclamation is being reviewed/prepared by Town Attorney
- Tree Ordinance needs to be drafted
- Spring Cleanup will be Arbor Day celebration. Suggesting that Garden Club select Nancy Fuerle memorial dedication to occur on actual Arbor Day – April 29 – as additional Arbor Day celebration.
- Tree City Town Committee – recommended that members be comprised of Holly Wahl, Jay Berry, Chris Jakubiak, and two citizens (one being Green Team member)
- Continue to promote Tree City USA certification as part of the execution of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Tree City Requirements: [Tree City USA at arborday.org](https://arborday.org/tree-city-usa/)
- Requirements

- Maintaining a tree board / department
- Community Tree Ordinance
- \$2.00 per capita on urban forestry
- Celebrate Arbor Day

### **Other Issues**

- **Purple Martin House** needs to be installed on boardwalk in early March by Public Works
- Submit recommendations for possible use of \$2.9M Covid Relief Funds to be granted to the town:
  - Knotweed removal/restoration
  - B St slope restoration/reinforcement
  - Goats to clear ivies at Bayfront Park
  - Beach replenishment at Bayfront Park
  - Terracing/rebuild of new B St Park
  - Replace town parking lots with pervious materials
  - Purchase lands for future parks.
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### **Other Ongoing Ideas**

- Work with Kellams Field Committee to contribute more rain gardens.
- Make eradication of Japanese Knotweed a priority
- Install a storage box at pollinator garden for green team supplies and equipment behind spigot – hose, pails, shovels, bags, etc.
- Provide support/sponsorship of plaque for Nancy Fuerle Dedication at the Town Hall Buffer Garden. Recommend Arbor Day as date for dedication.
- Continue clearing vines on Bayfront Park boardwalk and trail.
- Fall Paddle/Pickup recommended
- Suggestion made to have Liz Orlandi speak to the Comm about options for removal of English Ivy and Barberry invasives.
- Develop Comprehensive Fishing Creek Trail Maintenance Plan to present to town.
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