

Green Team Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2022

Attendees:

Sue Alexander
Linda Draper
Madeleine Blake
Valerie Beaudin
Joan Martin
Sally Bissell
Ken Rasmussen

Meeting came to order at 6:30

Next meeting scheduled for July 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm Pavilions weather permitting; If rain -Town Hall Conference room

Upcoming Community Events:

- Green Team Meeting – July 28
- Paddle & Pathway Pickup – October 1
- BFP garden planting – October 3
- Taste of the Beaches – September 17th

Bayfront Park

- Gardens at BFP have been prepared. Planting will occur October 3
- Jay Berry has offered to help with move and installation of bridge railings to the garden.
- **Action Item:** Linda will work with Jay on bridge railing installation
- **Action Item:** Val will confirm with Holly that plants are purchased/delivered by that date

CB Railway Trail

- Plans for garden at the entryway to the Railway Trail are being developed to include a new tree, plantings and a bench

Signage

- No current discussion

Pollinator Gardens:

- No current discussion

Education and Outreach

- Melanie is reaching out to several resources to invite a speaker for a discussion on invasive species
- NECC would like to support more workshops of this caliber. They need 6 months to advertise.

Storm Runoff Mitigation

- No current discussion

Tree City USA

- Linda reached out to Berwyn Heights to pick their brain on best practices but received nominal response. She will contact Hyattsville and/or Ellicott City next.
- Tree City Town Committee – recommended that members be comprised of Holly Wahl, Jay Berry, Chris Jakubiak, and two citizens (Sue Alexander volunteered)
- **Action Item:** Valerie will follow up with Holly on setting up Town Committee

Other Issues

- Jan Ruttkay has asked that the traffic island at the intersection of Bayside Rd and Old Bayside Rd across from Beach Elementary be refreshed.
- **Action Item:** Val will include plants/labor in request to town landscaper to complete this when they do BFP on October 1.
- Green Team will support Girl Scouts proposal to install cigarette butt receptacles in town. These receptacles allow the butts to be collected and recycled. Each receptacle costs \$99. **Action Item:** Valerie will check Green Team Budget and take lead on working with scouts to make this happen.
- **Action Item:** Ken Rasmussen will write article about Horseshoe Crabs for town newsletter
- **Action Item:** Valerie will obtain copy of Landscape Contract to share with committee.
- Committee will host a table at Taste of the Beaches.

Other Ongoing Ideas

- Work with Kellams Field Committee to contribute more rain gardens.
- Jan recommended town provide location for Community sponsored Agriculture (CSA) produce drop offs. Green Committee supports promoting this effort and other CSA projects.
- Michael Pardieck introduced the committee to a search engine called Ecosia. This engine, used in lieu of Google, Firefox or other commercial engine, donates profits to planting trees around the world.
- 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.
- Continue clearing vines on Bayfront Park boardwalk and trail.
- Develop Comprehensive Fishing Creek Trail Maintenance Plan to present to town.

- Holly Wahl is researching cost of updating 2 signs on the boardwalk that misidentify bird/otter
- 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.
- 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.
- Holly has asked that the committee create a video for the town website – to highlight the 17th St gardens (ex what plants are there, why are natives important). Valerie will set up meeting with Holly to discuss scope/purpose. Melanie, Sue and Sally volunteered to assist this project.
-