

Green Team Committee Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Attendees:

Valerie Beaudin

Sally Bissell

Madeleine Blake

Melanie Crowder

Linda Draper

Joanie Martin

Ken Rasmussen

Upcoming Community Event – Paddle and Pathways

- This event is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st from 9 to 11 am (no rain date)
- Valerie gave out flyers for the event to be distributed at various town locations
- Two tables will be set up for registration, Madeleine volunteered to cover one at the boat ramp and Joanie will cover the one at the trail head.
- Erica Love with Calvert County Parks and Recreation will provide materials for trash pickup (gloves, garbage bags, handheld pickers)
- Ken will reach out to scout troops who might be looking for volunteer opportunities to complete badge activities

Town Calendar

- Discussion ensued regarding getting our events added to the town calendar for a full year in advance so that people will see consistency in our activities
- Valerie asked if we were willing to commit to a spring cleanup and if so, how much it would entail (what should be included in town landscaping contract and what should be done by volunteers)
- Melanie to call a member of The Watershed Stewards to see how they manage to clean large creeks that cannot be reached by boat (specifically we would like to target the waterway across from the Seagate development)
- Committee agreed to a spring town cleanup for Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 2023, continuing to be held on the fourth Saturday of April from now on.

Bayfront Park

- Monday, October 3, time to be determined, committee volunteers will meet at Bayfront Park to collaborate with town landscapers on placement of trees, shrubs, and bridge section on north side of entrance.

Pollinator Garden and 17th St. Project

- Volunteers will meet at 9am! on Saturday, October 22nd at the 17th street location to plant for fall and will then move to the pollinator garden on the trail at around 10am
- Rain date will be Sunday, October 23rd
- Melanie has acquired plants and bags of leaf grow for the project
- Watering continues to be done by hand since the system was struck by lightning

Education and Outreach

- Annual Green Team Community Education Program to be held at the Northeast Community Center on March 4, 2023
- Guest speaker Kerri Wixted will speak on invasives

Tree City USA

- Melanie, Ken, and Sue have already held an informal meeting to discuss ways to proceed with this project
- Linda had contacted other towns that are Tree City certified for information or to set up a tour but was not met with enthusiasm
- Brian Stupak with Maryland's Forest Service has been out of state but has assured Melanie that he will ask the soil conservation district to provide a letter to the town assuring the board that the maintenance of new trees planned for the boardwalk that runs to Brownie's beach will not affect the stability of the slope
- Committee discussed the difficulty of proceeding with this long-range project until the new landscape contract is completed
- Committee has estimates of the costs in time and money for the maintenance of this project and can add them to the landscape contract at any time
- Linda suggested that we invite a member of the Kellam's Field Improvement Committee to join us at a Green Team meeting to discuss how we can work collaboratively on future tree planting and beautification projects

This meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm

The next meeting of the Green Team Committee will be at 6:30pm on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at the Town Hall

