

Minutes for 2/27/19

In attendance were: Tara Boyle, Kathryn Eckel, Geoff Chrisman, Necia Cochlin, Chris Runion, Javier Hernandez, and Karen Giffen

1. Introduction of new members
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - a. Minutes approved
3. Ground broken on Lone Eagle
4. Several resolutions approved at Council Meeting
 - a. Support Sustainable Jersey
 - b. Designate environmental commission as green team to appoint sub committees
 - c. Apply for EV charging stations grant
 - d. Oppose state regulations on beekeepers
5. Agway redevelopment area
 - a. Agway redevelopment committee met with a potential redeveloper
 - b. Multiple areas for us to be aware (flood plain, water contamination, wetlands) if a project moves forward
6. Need for an open space and recreation plan in order to receive green acres funding
 - a. Do we have one?
 - b. Does it need updating (updated every 10 years)?
 - c. Land Conservancy of NJ will work on the plan with grant money from Sustainable NJ
7. We are currently active with sustainable NJ but no Bronze certification
8. Community solar pilot program
 - a. Potential work with Raritan Township to lease or own a solar field
 - b. Borough buildings for solar panels
 - i. Apartments, town buildings
 - ii. Parking lot
 - iii. Library roof
9. Requested plastic bag ordinances from across the state
 - a. We received 4 examples on 2/27/19
 - b. Action item taken by Ms. Boyle to begin working on project
 - c. Discussed generic reusable bags for community businesses in order to alleviate cost
10. EV charging stations
 - a. State is accepting applications for the wait list since they are out of funding
 - b. Grants up to 6k for each charging station
 - c. No limit on number of stations
 - d. Mr. Runion has a tentative list of charging locations around town
 - e. State will pay for 80% of 6k on private properties and 100% of 6k on town property
 - i. Discussion of single charging stations vs dual charging station vs dual smart station
 - f. Average cost is between 3k-8k depending on free standing or on a building facade

- i. Trench digging and power upgrades are biggest expense
- g. Hold seminar for town businesses to see who is interested in getting an EV on their property
 - i. Benefit vs cost
 - ii. Hold a workshop for all interested businesses to complete the grant applications
- h. Can we charge/ should we charge on municipal lot
 - i. Can charge for parking spot or a per cost hour but not for the electricity directly
 - ii. Is there examples of success of charging for EV?
 - iii. Goal is to be revenue neutral
- 11. LEED certification on new construction projects
 - a. Biggest way to earn points is what happens with water run off
- 12. We may want to put in Green construction resolution**
 - a. Many projects in the works. Need to quickly move forward with Green recommendation for construction**
- 13. Historic district borders may be changing
- 14. Mr. Harris looked into cost of garbage and recycling
 - a. Mayor and Mike Campion will be exploring cost reduction ideas and new companies to reduce cost since our contract is up
 - b. Recycling grant came through and was between 4k and 5k
 - i. Not a clear answer on if these funds are available for us BUT they are used for recycling
- 15. Businesses not recycling
 - a. Can FCP help us in being involved in contacting these businesses?
 - b. Each businesses has its own garbage service
 - c. Friends of the free public library for educational purposes
- 16. Find out the floodplains in town
- 17. Have we completed natural resources priority for sustainable NJ?
- 18. Flyer in tax bill for educational purposes
 - a. Any educational purposes for Sustainable Jersey(potential if that counts?)
- 19. Mr. Runion suggested that each member take on one (or more) action items from sustainable NJ and form a subcommittee in order to get work done and get the points effectively
- 20. We have two priority items already completed
- 21. Leaders in the community can handle projects and lead subcommittees not just members of the commission or future Green Team Members
- 22. Heat Island effect
 - a. Need more shade trees
- 23. Each member will look at action items from previous Flemington application and come to the next meeting with the status of the action item
 - a. Mr. Runion will invite everyone as contributors to sustainable NJ website
- 24. List of expired Sustainable Jersey action items
 - a. Green Challenges- Mr. Harris
 - b. Holding a Green Fair- Mr. Runion

- c. Innovative Community Project-Ms. Cochlin
 - d. Environmental commission- Mr. Runion
- 25. Approved Sustainable Jersey action items
 - a. Green Building and Environmental Sustainability- Karen
 - b. Natural Resource Inventory- Javier
 - c. Water Conservation Ordinance- Ms. Boyle
 - d. Tree Protection Ordinance- Mr. Chrisman
- 26. Each member will report back on expired or approved sustainable NJ action items
 - a. Renew expired or put our efforts elsewhere?
- 27. Scheduling for river cleanup 4/13
- 28. NJAC membership
 - a. Workshop on March 9th