



Long Branch Green Team Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2025

Call to order:

- Meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM.

Attendees:

- Annette Benanti, Enis Bengul, Rich Catanese, Suzan Cole, Mark Davis, Harry Dellane, Phil Falcone, Gerry Lingner, Damian Rios, Nan Simon, Faith Teitelbaum

Old Business:

▪ **Priority Items:**

o Community Events:

- HS Green Fair Table (4/22) – Darryl will be representing the GT with an interactive activity on stormwater management for the students; Jennifer Siehl is going to come from the EC. Nan to put Jennifer in touch with Darryl.
- Arbor Day @ Jackson Woods – 4/27 (5/4 rain date)
 - Gerry to do Tree Walk, Dorsey Lucas will do Art Walk – may change after discussion
 - Park layout – 4 tables needed – Tree Seedling giveaway, Education, Art Table, Food Table
 - Annette volunteered to handout tree seedlings
 - Nan and Enis on Education table
 - Damian will be manning Art table
 - Education includes Trees, Native Plants, Tree Ordinance
 - Green Businesses at event will be featured on a poster
 - Green Businesses will be providing food and snacks for humans and dogs
 - Monmouth Conservation will attend with 'Conservation Wagon'
 - Tables to be provided by Phil, Enis and Catherine

▪ Other:

o Arts & Education Programs at LBACC:

- Grow Your Own Food – 3/18
- Recycled Burlap Art Opening – 4/8
- Sustainable Fashion Brand Speaker– 4/29
- Native Plant Speaker & seed swap – 5/1

- Please come out and support these programs

o Green Business Recognition Program – Whitechapel has submitted an application

o Recycling:

- Styrofoam recycling – Manju to suggest additional dates
- Sneaker Recycling – box in main library has been removed; Nan to follow up
- Trex Plastic Film Recycling – Bench has been received
- Recycling education – outreach to community – Harry, Annette initiated meetings with Jaye Sims, follow-ups to be scheduled to further plan

o Park Restoration:



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- Ross Lake – grant from Native Plant Society will be used for new plantings
- Jackson Woods – work to restart on Friday, March 28; schedule is Tuesdays and Fridays 9 – 12.
- o Community Events:
 - Long Branch Day (Sept) – Damian, Alicia, Suzan to organize. Plan is to use ANJEC wheel with customized questions. Also, poster board for environmental pledges. Potentially will create Poster highlighting GBRs, Jackson Woods, etc.

New Business:

- Water refill stations – additional locations – Community Pool, Manahasset Park, Boardwalk Restrooms (County: 7 Presidents)
- ANJEC Grant for Community Gardens – Nan and Manju to follow-up with Carol Wright for specific proposal

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM