



Long Branch Green Team Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2025

Call to order:

- Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM.

Attendees:

- Kathy Buchan, Rich Catanese, Suzan Cole, Manju Chidambaram, Harry Dellane, Phil Falcone, Scott Fuschetti, Gerry Lingner, Damian Rios, Nan Simon

Old Business:

- **Priority Items:**

- Green Business Recognition Program – Whitechapel Projects and Healthy Eats were recently approved, bringing total to 9. Healthy Eats award presentation is 4/22. Whitechapel is to be scheduled.
- Community Events:
 - HS Green Fair Table (4/22) – Darryl representing the Green Team
 - Arbor Day @ Jackson Woods – 4/27 (5/4 rain date) – All volunteers should arrive between 11:00 and 11:30. Parking available at school on Avenel across the street

- **Other:**

- Water refill stations – Phil created some exhibits for the Arbor Day Event. He will also follow-up with the city personnel that the Mayor directed him to contact on the locations we proposed
- Please consider attending the following events at LBACC/Library – three are co-sponsored by the EC & GT:
 - Recycled Burlap Art currently on display – kudos to Mark Davis for his leadership of this project
 - Sustainable Fashion Brand Speaker– 4/29
 - Native Plant Speaker & seed swap – 5/1
 - “The Day the Earth Changed” 45 minute film & Discussion led by Catherine Duckett (Library) – 5/20
- Recycling:
 - Styrofoam recycling – Manju to investigate scheduling for upcoming Sundays – she proposed Sunday of Memorial Day weekend due to feedback that we could collect from summer residents, but we need a rain date. Also, Nan asked Manju for a quarterly plan for rest of 2025. Nan to coordinate with Jaye once dates are proposed
 - Sneakers & Plastic Film – Atlantic Ave Sneaker drop-off location was shut down; updated flyer put out on city social media and in email blast.
- Park Restoration:
 - Jackson Woods – Tuesday and Friday work days continuing (9AM -12PM)
- Phil provided an update on comments made to the Council concerning Israeli Flags at Pier Village and old ordinance regarding congregating in public places
- Suzan reported that Ocean Township is having a recycling contest in their grade schools with 30 second YouTube videos. The group liked this idea. Nan suggested we could consider something like this for next year. Suzan to provide further details via email.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM