



## Long Branch Green Team Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2023

### Call to order

- The meeting was called to order by Nan at 7:05 PM.

### Attendees:

- Attendees: Rich Catanese, Nan Simon, Bruce Davis, Maxine Greenwald, Mark Davis, Evan Straus, Damien Rios, Suzan Cole, Alicia Cauley, Grace Chen, Enis Bengul, Manju Chidambaram, Catherine Duckett

### Key Discussion Points:

- Committee Reports:
  - Green Business Recognition Program
    - Rotary and LB Chamber of Commerce are engaged. Sticker for display by recognized businesses being designed. Additional resources were identified to help with design including Damien. Application form is also being reworked.
    - The EC will cover Green Fair supplies costs (estimated \$200) but we need to give the city a list so they can purchase directly. Catherine will introduce Nan to Lisa in procurement.
    - Suggested to include GLC school composting program in Green Fair – Nan to help Evan reach out to Kelly Stone.
  - Green Fair / Arbor Day Celebration
    - At Cultural Center, April 30 from 1-4. 12 tables identified to engage the community and promote green initiatives. Tree giveaway will also be done during this event. Various artwork displays with an arbor day theme to be featured. Suzan's students will participate. Maxine, Bruce, Alicia, and Suzan also assisting in planning. Damian to share logo for additional feedback. Kathy will host a team planning meeting in late February.
  - Historic Heritage Trail Map
    - No update.
  - Tree Committee
    - Grant and contracts with Davey Tree still being finalized, hopefully done in March. Inventory/data base of city trees will be key output of



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the grant. Community Forest recertification report underway. Possibly applying for recognition as a ‘tree city’.

- Green Development Checklist
  - Checklists are submitted for all new development requiring Planning Board approval. Evan will be analyzing the submissions and suggesting improvements to the form per the SJ action. Checklists for new applications are being forwarded to Evan as they are received. LB Planning Office to gather checklists from older apps by Q2 2023.
- ERI
  - Expect final draft shortly – will distribute for comments.
- Bike Committee
  - Initial data gathering complete, analysis underway. Several vehicles to be used to gather community input including online survey, project website, and presence at LB based events (including Green Fair).
- Monmouth Medical Green Team collaborations/topics
  - Will pass along Janice as a contact to follow-up on GBR. Also suggested to invite MMC to participate in sneaker and plastic collection.
- March meeting to be moved to March 16.

### **New Business/Additional Discussion:**

- Smart Energy soliciting LB residents to switch to their service. Per Grace, be careful with that supplier. Enis to provide link to ‘legitimate’ clean energy sources. This can potentially be tied into the Sustainable Jersey Action for educating consumers on sustainable energy. Info can be shared at Green Fair.
- EC to follow-up with DPW regarding regular pick up and recycling of coffee grounds from Rook.
- Audubon program for certified wildlife habitats shared here (<https://youtu.be/iYu916WBZ2o>) – possible topic for Green Fair.

### **Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM