

June 10, 2020, 1 pm – Minutes of Meeting Gloucester City Environmental Partners Gloucester City Green Team 2020 Municipal Building, 512 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City, NJ 08030

Present at Zoom Meeting:

Crystal Wessel, NJ Tree Foundation Meredith Brown, NJ Tree Foundation Lori Ryan, Director of Community Development Matthew Leconey, Rutgers Water Resources Craig McGee, Camden Soils Conservation District Miles Owen, DVRPC

Green Team Business

- SustainableJersey Lori is submitting a Public Information and Engagement program grant due August 9.
- Matt submitted other versions of the logo designs for Green Team [©]

Community Garden – Mickie is working with Youth Corps to prepare for this year's garden. Garden is full participation.

Green Infrastructure Municipal Action Team Business (Toby/Matt/Craig & Rutgers Water Resource Program)

- 319(h) Grant Update grant ends 5/21
- Matt reported on the schedule for the grant projects:
- Johnson Boulevard at Water Department building Looks much better. Matt and Craig went down to do some deeper borings with auger early June; we think the plants are starting to absorb some of the water. Eric thinks we will probably look to add a few more plants to this garden.
- GHS project Toby and staff have been at GHS breaking up sidewalk to repurpose pieces for design. Eric's Nursery in Mount Laurel will return next week.
- After the work at the High School is complete, the remaining construction budget for Gloucester City is about \$21,000. We should be working now to line up a project(s) for this fall or early next spring. The grant period ends May 2021 (unless extended by DEP due to COVID). Matt will bring proposals next month to meeting.

NJ Tree Foundation - Meredith reported that tree maintenance funding will be available on trees we planted with trees that we planted with the Foundation. Care and pruning skills will be offered.

Meredith and Crystal have been doing Treekeepers' virtual classes. There will also be a CORE on-line program available soon. We need few people from the City to do this program.

Meredith also offered to apply to use the William Penn Foundation grant funding in cooperation with our SRTS grant design at Atlantic Avenue and in front of the school. Lori spoke with Dale Foster of GPI and he will send plans to see what exactly is included in the SRTS funding and what we can do around or in conjunction with that program.

Lori did receive the CCMUA flyer where NJ Tree Foundation offers residents free trees in the community to Gloucester City residents.

Miles reported on the Community Forestry Management program. The survey is being analyzed and Miles will bring to July meeting for discussions further.

Author of minutes: Lori Ryan

Next Meeting July 8, 2020, 1 pm Zoom meeting format