



December 8, 2020, 1 pm – Minutes of Meeting (Zoom)  
Gloucester City Green Team 2020

**Present in Meeting:**

Crystal Wessel, NJ Tree Foundation  
Meredith Brown, NJ Tree Foundation  
Lori Ryan, Director of Community Development  
Craig McGee, Camden Soils Conservation District  
Joyce Calzonetti, Shade Tree Committee  
Miles Owen, DVRPC

**Green Team Business**

Lori stated to all that Jack Lipsett is no longer City Administrator, and Chief Brian Morrell will be Acting Interim Administrator until such time someone is hired.

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

- Craig reported on the 319h grant projects:
  - GHS project – Project is completed and looks great. Craig used this project and the photos of the courtyard area for his presentations and this project was recognized by many dignitaries in the State for soils conservation programs. Once all invoices are received, Craig will determine if funds are left to return to Environmental Utilities building and resolve the water ponding at the rain garden installation.
  - Part of the education component will be an opening celebration in the spring. Possibly we could do a “Green Fair” and incorporate the gardens together with an educational fair.

NJ Tree Foundation - Meredith and Crystal worked with Joyce and 13 volunteers to prune and mulch 37 trees at Brown Street and on Paul Street this past weekend, on December 6. They expressed concern we have lost many of the trees that PSE&G replaced as part of their work. The trees were planted too high in the ground, and many have died or will die in the coming year. Lori indicated that City authorities will be meeting with PSE&G to discuss their work in the city and this will be one of the topics discussed with PSE&G. Joyce stated that many trees will die this year because of the way they were cut by PSE&G contractors.

Meredith and Crystal are looking to schedule a spring planting for 2021 since we lost last year’s planting commitment due to COVID restrictions. Joyce to work with Meredith on the locations and dates.

Community Forestry Management. Miles presented that the report for CFMP is ready to go with the exception of the inventory. The inventory hopefully will be completed in the spring. Meanwhile, Miles has attempted to reach Carrie Sargeant but has not had success, to review the program report and make any recommendations. Joyce asked if we do not have the approved program, will we be penalized for grant applications. Carrie had previously said we would not have a problem with that; however, we need to be sure.

Community Garden – no report.

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Next Meeting January 13, 1:30 pm