



February 17, 2021, 1:30 pm  
Minutes of Meeting (Zoom) Gloucester City  
Green Team 2021



**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  
Matt Leconey, Program Coordinator  
Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program  
Joyce Calzonetti, Tree Committee

Lori stated to all that Eric Fooder has not been replaced yet.

Green Infrastructure Municipal Action Team Business (Toby/Matt/Craig & Rutgers Water Resource Program) Craig reported on the 319h grant projects. Funds are expended. He is gathering total costs.

Part of the education component will be an opening celebration in the fall.  
Possibly we could do a "Green Fair" and incorporate the gardens together with an educational fair.

Crystal will be applying for a \$50,000 grant for Gloucester City for a rain garden/tree planting program in Gloucester City. We have partial designs for the application already for the Firehouse and will submit for Proprietor's park, the Marina and King Street planting programs. Crystal said the due date for application is March 5.

NJ Tree Foundation - Meredith and Crystal scheduled a spring planting at 800 and 900 blocks of Mercer Street. Meredith and Crystal called for markouts this week.

The Tree Committee will also be conducting a Tree Pruning event on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. Joyce will recruit assistance from the Rotary club and local neighborhood tree friends.

Tree Committee would like to be involved with the issues with PSE&G. The replacement trees are dieing and they are trimming back trees resulting in the trees dieing. The trees planted on Brown Street by the PSE&G contractor last year are showing roots because they were not planted deep enough. They will all die. Joyce suggested that maybe someone from the tree committee or NJ Tree Foundation should be present when the PSE&G landscaper is planting the trees so the efforts are not lost.

Joyce submitted application for certification and for the Tree City certification. There was not much activity in the City in 2020, but we still have enough to be certified.

Joyce also was assured by Lori who spoke with John Barrett CFO about the \$6,000 received from the school for the tree committee account. This money will be needed for a fall planting on the west side of the City since the Tree Foundation is graciously funding the spring planting.

Community Forestry Management. 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.

Community Garden – no report.

Author of minutes: Lori Ryan

Next Meeting March 10, 1:30 pm