

October 21, 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 Matt Leconey, Program Coordinator Joyce Calzonetti, Shade Tree Committee Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program

Lori requested best times to meet for future meetings. We have reached out for new membership, and many people cannot meet during the day. Everyone will let Lori know when a good time to meet (virtually) is for the group. We hope to be able to add new members in the coming year.

Green Infrastructure Municipal Action Team Business (Toby/Matt/Craig & Rutgers Water Resource Program) Matt reported that the GHS courtyard project could use some replenishing of those plants that did not take during the season. Lori mentioned that maybe we could use funds from another grant and will research that.

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 did receive the William Penn Foundation grant and some funds will allow for tree planting and care during the 2022 season. There is a tree planting scheduled for November 6 on Monmouth Street.

Joyce brought up the issue of the \$6000 received from the school for the tree committee account. She was advised this year that the funds are no longer available to the tree committee. Lori will present this to Mayor and Council because we had assurances from the CFO that these funds would be available. 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. There was discussion with Joyce that maybe we could do some individual plantings with these funds.

Community Forestry Management. No updates on this

Community Garden no activity.

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Next Meeting November 10, 2021, 1:30 pm