

Englewood Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes March 11 2013

Present: Steve Wiessner, Darryl Green, Crystal Brown, Jack Silberman, Lynne Algrant

Absent: Aleta Frizzell, Toni Fay, Gerald Marion, Kevin Lake

Meeting called to order : 7:45 pm

Adjourned: 9:10 pm

Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Old Business:

1. Sustainable Jersey Re-certification—DEADLINE June 16, 2013

Sustainable Jersey has updated the recertification process and website. We have 70 UNEXPIRED points and needs 150 points for Bronze certification.

We will concentrate on documenting the following actions and submit points in these areas:

Previously earned/expired points:

- Create Green Team
- Lead Outreach and Lead Safe Training (Health Dept)
- Farmers Market
- Buy Local program
- Environmental Commission
- Bulky Plastic recycling
- Shrink wrap recycling
- Community Education

New points

- Community Garden
- Farmers market accessibility (location and SNAP cards)
- Forestry Plan
- Alternative fuel vehicle
- Paper shredding
- Recycling depot
- Complete Streets resolution

Long shots but we will try

- Fleet inventory
- Upgrade water in a building (schools, city hall)
- Cut it leave it program
- Sustainability Element in Master plan
- Community visioning—Master plan

2. Need to get city website updated for Environmental Commission

3. **Train Tracks**--Illegal dumping and the mess along the train tracks behind Pindle Ave. Lynne spoke with Clyde Sweatt about this program. CSX is responsible for clean up and is usually quite responsive. Clyde will contact them. He informed me that we have a serious illegal dumping problem in the city—and train tracks are one area. We want to urge the city to post signs and cameras and impose fines (which should be dedicated for Green initiatives).

4. **Green Team**—we will continue to recruit members for the Green Team. Our charge to them will be to focus on community outreach and education efforts. We will invite interested people to April EEC meeting.

5. **Arborist**—Lynne and Clyde met with Paul Cowie the new arborist to discuss the Forestry Plan and the tree inventory grant. He will get started on these efforts right way.

New Business

Priority areas once we complete the Sustainable Jersey recertification process in June:

- Trash cans and downtown recycling
- Illegal dumping issues
- Getting a percentage of fines and savings from green efforts to fund more green initiatives
- Biodegradable dog waste bags (maybe the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor)