

April 25, 2023

MGT members, here is the agenda with embedded notes.

4/25/23 agenda with meeting notes:

Energy audit – in Adrienne’s court, as she needs to obtain internal township government personnel feedback. We will then be in a position to discuss some details and next steps at the next MGT meeting.

- Adrienne has to work with a third party energy bill processor/consolidator to get the data by building to comply with the energy audit requirements.

Rain garden maintenance and new plantings, likely to occur after Mother’s Day. Other Rain garden discussion points include:

- Need to do additional design work.
 - Place sign on the rain garden window area and eventually build a display case.
 - Mark will initiate a list of facts about single use plastics and the rain garden.
- Gather information for communication, e.g., why native plants.
- Develop list of people to thank who contributed to its construction. These would include:
 - Monmouth County master gardeners
 - Rutgers Extension
 - Jason Goldman [may need a corporate name]
 - Pramod [may need a corporate name]
 - Harry Cross
 - Girl Scout Troops
 - TAC kids (Teen Advisory Council)
 - Marlboro Dept of Public Works and Recreation dept
 - Ellen Simonetti
 - Mayor’s Office
 - Association of NJ Environmental Commission
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- Water fountain is running; single-use plastics education is needed, as well as research [water bottle filling station].
 - Need to put together rationale for why this is a good thing.
 - May utilize the national art honor society to help with building the display/mural.
 - Adrienne would use these volunteer high school students and be under TAC [teen advisory committee].
- Can we get volunteers to come in and weed, including senior citizens, possibly boy and girl scouts?
- Next step on the rain garden –
 - solar lighting
 - water fountain path from rain garden.

- need a sight visit to identify the potential steps, which may extend over one year.
- Will need Adrienne to trigger a purchase order to acquire additional plants for the rain garden. Adrienne will review Mark's spreadsheet sent earlier with pricing by plant type from 3 vendors.
- Future work will involve groundcover and a path that might be bluestone rather than mulch (which requires annualized work).
- Grass may also need to be removed, possibly with a sod cutter (to be checked with the DPW).
- A second rain barrel will be need to be acquired to capture water overflow from the original rain barrel.

2023 calendar events to note

- Sustainability Summit on May 5, still can sign up. [find the signup link] – Victoria; find email with link.
- Bike Ride June 3 with the Mayor
- June 4 is Farmers' Market opening day, just to have MGT members shop and support
- Marlboro Day is September 10

Do we want to change the meeting time from 7 PM – could be 5 PM or 7:30 PM?

- For now, will keep the 7 PM meeting time.

Next meeting will be May 30 instead of May 23.