

August MGT meeting notes

**Subject:** Marlboro Green Team - Meeting notes from 8/30/22

MGT members: here are the meeting notes from 8/30.

Attendees: Adrienne, Bill, Mark, Mary, Louis, and Jeff.

Please feel free to send any questions to myself or Adrienne on the notes.

1. 2023 EDF Fellows status report – Jeff spoke with Zenon from SustainableJersey. We would be seeking to complete the application in time for the 2023 summer EDF Fellows project, by obtaining the necessary information well in advance of the application completion time frame (next April/May). Reason: there is no save capability in completing the online application, so each applicant must have all the information available when completing the online form.
  - a. Zenon left S-J effective 8/26/22. New contact is Steven Bass, who is new to S-J. This role reports to Nancy Quirk.
  - b. Jeff provided more information on current status on the call.
    - i. We have a PDF document, provided by Zenon, with the required data (based upon the 2022 EDF Fellows application).
    - ii. Jeff and Mark will review notes and take next action.
  - c. If anyone from the MGT would like to be involved with this project, contact Jeff or Mark.
2. EV Project planning for home installation and solar panel installation.
  - a. What are the steps needed and the questions to address along the way?
    - i. Starting the project, identifying key decision factors, installation, etc.
  - b. Questions to address would include the following, but
    - i. Does the EV car acquired alter the charging station construction? If yes, how?
    - ii. Can a dual outlet be constructed with an inside and outside connection?
    - iii. What drives the need for a Level 2 vs. a Level 1 charging station?
      1. Likewise, the need for a 110 vs 220 volt connection?
      2. Also, what is the difference in the cost of a L1 v. L2 charging station?
    - iv. What should the warranty on the installation include?
  - c. Bill and Phyllis will be the co-leaders on this initiative.
  - d. Adrienne indicated that the documentation/project planning document be put online rather than provide handouts at a function. Utilize a QR Code to simplify downloading info docs from the MGT website. Timing might be for Dino Day for next April.
    - i. We could put this information and links in the Marlboro Township email blast.
    - ii. FYI, I did not know there was an MGT website.
3. A significant issue is broadening the reach of the MGT to receive some involvement / feedback / input from Township officials (Mayor's office, Town Council, Business Administrator, etc.). To be discussed with Adrienne. Municipalities whose green teams have more success typically have the ear / involvement of municipality government officials.

- a. This topic is still open and needs more discussion. Adrienne to lead this discussion and any action within the township.
- 4. Rain Garden update and scheduling: Adrienne speaking to people about maintaining the RG. Mark is taking care of the watering by heading over to the R-G once per week. Have to consider through October regarding maintenance. DPW doing the mowing.
  - a. Adrienne wants to get Jason Goldman back to label the plants.
    - i. Mark will reach out to Jason, and try to schedule during non-work hours, possibly during the week and, if possible, before September 11.
  - b. Adrienne is thinking of putting a paper map in the window and not making permanent signs.
  - c. Adrienne to look at ribbon cutting ceremony, possibly for next spring.
- 5. A number of MGT members have not joined recent status calls / participated in MGT activities and discussions. If yes, what could we do reconnect? What are their reasons for not attending monthly meetings?
  - a. Adrienne will look for phone numbers of MGT non-attendees to identify why they are not attending (though August is a big vacation month).
- 6. Future idea just for discussion whether it makes any sense: would we want to try to expand the MGT to work with a climate change club in the Marlboro High School (if one exists)? If there is such a student club, a teacher-sponsor would be the person to contact. But, the primary question to address whether this idea has any value, should any students be interested, is how might they be utilized?
  - a. Adrienne noted that the Marlboro Youth Council (MYC), consisting of high schoolers from Marlboro, would be the way to go for involving youth. Going through the high school directly would involve a good deal of bureaucracy, whereas the MYC would accomplish the engagement of motivated youth in MGT projects and activities without any additional red tape.
- 7. Anything else?
  - a. What might be the Township's appetite for community solar projects. Bill raised this as a potential project.
    - i. Adrienne noted that although a great idea, the MGT has a full plate with the potential projects discussed earlier in the meeting.
    - ii. Adrienne noted that community solar favors multi-unit housing more than single family homes, and typically has private funding.
      - 1. She added that identifying and contracting with clean energy providers could achieve a similar goal for single-family home-owners who are not ready for solar panels.
      - 2. Afterthought: the MGT should discuss the clean energy provider angle at future meetings and how this might be presented to a broader population within the Township.
        - a. As part of the EV charging station/Solar project, it could be noted that a clean energy provider could provide a homeowner (or renter) with clean energy, without the solar panel installation/up-front investment.