

**FAIR LAWN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
OCTOBER 7, 2009**

Members present: Wendy Dabney (Chair), Phil Cassidy, Nancy Sperling, Joe Mele, Carol Wagner (the Health Department) and Kimi Wei.

REPORTS

1. Carol Wagner, Health Dept. Report:
Discussion of the [NJDEP Oversight & Correspondence September 2009 Report](#)(first attachment)
2. Nancy Sperling and Carol Wendy discussion:
Nancy and Carol attended the Green Team Advisory meeting on September 24. Highlights of the meeting were addressed in the Borough Manager's Report. Topics covered in this report include: Local Government Energy Audit for Municipal Buildings (targets buildings owned by the government), Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant (encourages shopping in Fairlawn to reduce gases) and the sustainable New Jersey Certification (this is a certificate incentive program which is an opportunity for more grant money for the town. The Borough Manager's report is in the second attachment). The next Green Team Meeting will be on Oct. 29 at 7:30 pm. Nancy Sperling presented topics for the ANJEC Road show (third attachment). The group seemed interested in Environmental/Natural Resource Inventory (ERI/NRI) topic and the topic on Walkable/Bikeable communities. Wendy and others suggested that, at the next Green Team Meeting, Nancy Sperling a Green Team member should approach that group about participating. By the combined efforts this could work in the favor for both groups; the ERI/NRI roadshow could tie into the Anject grant requirement for FLEC and the Green Team could use the roadshow as a means to obtain more points to sustainable NJ Certification (more opportunity for the Green Team to obtain grants).
3. Discussion by Group of other projects the Green Team could be involved with FLEC
Adopt a storm drain. Find where storm drains are and have people living near it protect it.
Tree inventory. Have people walk door to door in a particular are of town offering to plant a tree (town plants trees for free). FLEC would provide permission forms to plant the trees. The Green Team would provide adult volunteers for canvassing to see who needs the trees. The Shade Tree commission would provide education on this and the forms for canvassing. While the canvassing is going on, volunteers could observe which trees need to be taken care of and create a tree inventory. Walter Neal of the Shade Tree Commission could provide education as what to look for when observing the trees.
- 4 Other project discussed previously at the FLEC meeting. Previously there was discussion about FLEC getting involved in various projects. One of them was stormwater management. Nancy Sperling researched this topic and it is presented in attachment (fourth attachment)
- 5 Nancy Sperling and Kimi Wei attended the ANJEC Congress " The Economics of Green"on Oct. 17. Workshops and meeting to be discussed at next FLEC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.