

GREEN TEAM MEETING

October 7, 2019

P. Glawe (Chairman)

D. Fashano

J. Ferramosca (called into the meeting)

J. Hendricks

S. Iannaccone

A. Kraynak

C. Matlon

N. Mian

D. Wilson

P. Glawe called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Plastic Bags - P. Glawe asked about the results of the survey question at Hanover Township Day about should Hanover Township ban the use of single use plastic bags. J. Ferramosca said to provide a one page recommendation to the Township Committee with the survey results. C. Matlon said the survey results are 268 yes, 56, no, 3 not sure, 2 for paper bags, 1 recycle. P. Glawe asked the Green Team around the table how we feel about banning plastic bags? A. Kraynak said that from some people that for poor people you are forcing them to buy bags when they got the bags for free. C. Matlon said that at the table at Hanover Township Day people support to pay for the bags, a lot said no to paying for the bags and people also said they re-use the plastic bags. C. Matlon said the paper bags footprint is just as much as making plastic bags. D. Fashano said it we can have people just stop throwing them out. D. Fashano suggested maybe we can get some sample ordinances from towns that banned plastic bags for example Parsippany, Paramus. D. Fashano said Paramus has the biggest shopping centers and they banned plastic bags. D. Fashano suggested we should give credit to people who bring their own bags. D. Wilson asked if the township website can handle approve or disapprove on the website if we have a survey question. C. Matlon said we all know we want to reduce the use of plastic bags, 1) with a fee, 2) recycle the bags or pay. C. Matlon suggested the residents can vote on it and have a time limit.

Solar Micro Grid Project – D. Wilson the solar industry is transitioning to powered systems. D. Wilson the state is coming up with a way to cover the cost to the state. S. Iannaccone asked isn't the town getting the solar grid? D. Wilson it is up in the air the financial cost.

Tree Symposium – A. Kraynak said there is a Tree Symposium on Saturday, November 9, from 10am – 3pm at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum if anyone is interested in attending. A few members may be interested in attending.

The next Green Team meeting is Monday, November 4, at 7:00 pm at the Whippanong Library in the Conference Room.