

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Approved

Green Team Minutes October 19, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Green Team was called to order at 7:02 pm with the following present: Chairman Jeff Russell, Team Members, Mayor Ken Lord, Sandy Lord, Evan Wiegand, and Administrative Assistant Teresa Pangle.

The minutes from August 17, 2023, were approved.

Old Business

Certification – Keedysville’s Green Team was awarded its first Sustainable Maryland Bronze Certification. Our application was approved for 17 actions in 7 categories for a total of 180 points. Mayor Ken Lord, Green Team Chair Jeff Russell, Green Team Member Sandy Lord, and Town Administrator Lisa Riner attended the awards ceremony at the fall MML Conference on October 16, 2023. Mayor Lord pointed out we are only the second Town in Washington County to be certified. Mayor Lord mentioned sending the press release (provided by Sustainable Maryland) to the Herald-Mail. The press release has been posted on social media and the town website.

Fall Yard Sale/Bulk Trash – Based on social media posts there was some participation in yard sales. There were issues with bulk trash not being picked up in a timely manner as is normally done. Ms. Lord suggested the Green Team create a yard sale page for Keedysville like Boonsboro and Hagerstown. It should be easy enough to set up and moderate.

Halloween/Invasive Species - It was decided to pass on this.

January Health & Nutrition Event – After some discussion it was decided to incorporate health & nutrition into the 2024 Spring event.

2024 Spring Event – It was agreed to do a Spring event focusing on health and nutrition. A date needs to be determined by the November meeting to give vendors plenty of notice. Ms. Pangle will check the calendars of

surrounding towns. There was a discussion on inviting new vendors as well as those who attended last year. Ms. Lord mentioned crafts would be a nice draw so we need to find green-type crafts.

New Business

War on Tree of Heaven – There was much discussion on what can be done, if anything on a large scale. Mayor Lord spoke with Mr. Davidson from Boonsboro and decided it might not be worth doing anything on public lands if we can't address private lands as well. It was agreed to focus on education. Ms. Pangle will contact Lane Heimer from the county to speak at a meeting in Feb or March since spring is a good time to address Tree of Heaven issues. Ms. Lord mentioned a conversation with someone from Frederick County's stormwater management. He had someone in to talk about the Tree of Heaven and this person's perspective is to leave the Tree of Heaven alone since the lanternflies are drawn to it. Otherwise, the lanternfly will go elsewhere. Ms. Lord will get his name. Chairman Russell mentioned in his reading on the lanternfly they are not as much of a problem for homeowners and they don't kill the tree of heaven. It seems they are more of an issue for orchards, vineyards, and agriculture. The Tree of Heaven is invasive, crowds out native species, and can be toxic to surrounding plants. Chairman Russell created a checklist of questions regarding other agencies, (DNR, USDA, Washington County, and State of Maryland) that may be of help.

Comments by Team – Mayor Lord introduced his son Colin to be a student liaison between the Green Team and the Environmental Club.

Chairman Jeff Russell mentioned the challenge of recruiting volunteers to help with the Spring Event and the need to increase participation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Teresa Pangle
Administrative Assistant

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Green Team Agenda October 19, 2023

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: August 17, 2023 minutes

Old Business: Certification; Fall Yard Sale/Bulk Trash; Halloween/Invasive Species; January Health & Nutrition Event; 2024 Spring Event

New Business: War on Tree of Heaven

Comments by Residents

Comments by Team

Adjournment