

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Asked Bonnie to discuss what is happening with Sustainable Jersey.

BONNIE STEWART: Advised there are different rounds you need to complete and you received the award in November. Stated presently they are at the second round, the first round they had 250 points, this round have 215 points but indicated they will pass, and you will not have to recertify for another 3 years.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Questioned if they should be looking at things to do to earn points during those 3 years and advised Councilwoman Busted mentioned about upping the level.

BONNIE STEWART: Stated it is very hard to move up another level, and to get to Silver you need 350 points and everything you do is only 10 or 20 points, plus it is very time consuming with the paperwork that needs to be done. Suggested concentrating on big projects that will get you more points.

MEMBER: Questioned what the Silver award provides the town.

BONNIE STEWART: Advised when you get certified, it enables you to go for Grants that aren't always advertised.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Asked Brandon to discuss his project.

BRANDON CHO: Stated he is currently working on his Eagle Project regarding the boat shed, which he will be replacing and he will also be making containers to dry and store life jackets.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated Brandon had a very successful fund raiser and believes his project will be under budget so he will have extra money and, by Scout protocol, the money has to go back to the group he is working for, which is this Committee, and that money will be used for new life jackets and paddles. Asked Pam to discuss the litter survey.

PAM GOULD: Stated they accomplished what they were asked to do and most of the litter they found were cigarette butts.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated Councilwoman Busted looked into Terra Cycling, who are now taking cigarette butts, as they can be recycled. Advised Councilwoman Busted will be going to the joint Oradell/River Edge Chamber of Commerce to see if businesses will be on board with having a collection bin in front of their businesses for the cigarette butts. Questioned Bonnie if she wants to discuss River Edge Day.

BONNIE STEWART: Stated the Green Team will be having a raffle, and they are thinking of having a whiteboard with ideas the town would like to see accomplished and they would also like to get ideas from the residents to put on the whiteboard.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Indicated they can also have people sign up for Recycle Coach. Stated the storm water board will be up but it needs to be updated, however there isn't enough time to do that this year. Advised the Terra Cycle flip flop bin is half full and they will put it out on River Edge Day, however they need to let people know about that. Advised Scouts from Brandon's troop are doing the decals on the storm water drains and asked Jennifer to discuss the storm drain art.

JENNIFER SCHNEIDER: Stated they do artwork and murals to show people in a visual way that everything that goes in the street eventually goes into the storm drain and that you only want water in the storm drain.

BONNIE STEWART: Questioned who designs the artwork and if there could be a contest to design them.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated that is a great idea. Advised they do not have a River Sweep for October and they may join another town doing a clean-up on the river this fall and stated not having the fall River Clean-up will give them time to work on their May clean up. Suggested they can start to add things during the River Clean-up, even if it's just giving out information to the public and eventually turn it into a fair. Stated they also are discussing having a paddle day where families come down and get on the river in canoes.

JENNIFER SCHNEIDER: Suggested making the new boat shed launch a big day to bring people down to the river. Questioned what is happening with the rain garden by the swim club.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Advised they have an area that does flood by the swim club, but is not sure if it is the right spot for the rain garden with the plants that are naturally already there.

JENNIFER SCHNEIDER: Stated she would need to look at the spot but it probably will sustain a flood from the river and the rain gardens are more designed to catch water run-off from impervious surfaces.

MEMBER: Questioned if there is any way to get more boats.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated you need the people first.

MEMBER: Advised during the River Clean-up people just sat there waiting to get on the boats.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated that is why you do not want to over advertise the Clean-up as a lot of volunteers show up and they get disgruntled because there are not enough boats, plus the boat shed does not have the capacity to hold more boats. Advised that during an event they can borrow boats from Suez.

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