

Morgantown Green Team Meeting Minutes for November 7, 2013

Attendees: Trevor Lloyd, Pam Cubberly, Ella Belling, Jim Kotcon, Jeff Simcoe, Caroline Keicher, Chelsey Couch, Bill Kawecki

- 5:05 pm Meeting called to order
- Approval of last month's meeting minutes
- PSC investigation/Mon Power hearings: Jim Kotcon gave the following update:
 - At the conclusion of the hearings First energy agreed to several provisions and requirements.
 - Some interest groups are still unhappy and are appealing to the State Supreme Court
 - There exists a general investigation on billing irregularities. Power company cited shortage of staff due to storms and complications with software due to merger.
- Solar Panel Update: Trevor Lloyd gave the following update:
 - The City agreed to install a system to transmit data from the solar array on the Market Place roof to an website so that the public could see solar power generation statistics in real time. The City's internal IT department was too heavily tasked with other issue so the installation of the system will be contracted out.
- Street Light Update: Trevor Lloyd gave the following update:
 - The City is continuing to implement LED technology where it is cost effective. The technology has not come down in price enough to offset the older technology and the power company still does not offer a tariff for LED street lamps.
 - Any new street lamp fixtures that are installed that don't have LED technology currently can be converted to LED at a later date.
- Hydroelectric generator: Ella Belling gave the following report:
 - A power company named DLA is inquiring about putting hydro-electric power generators along the Mon River in Morgantown. One of the issues involved is that it would involve placing the generator where the rail trail currently exists. This brings about other issues with deed restrictions placed on the land from the Railroad Organization that deeded the land to the City for recreational use only.
- Green House Gas Inventory: Jeff Simcoe gave the following report:
 - Jeff from Downstream Strategies is finishing up collection of data within the City including electric, gas, water, and transportation emissions.
 - The inventory will serve as a baseline to measure from for future efforts to reduce greenhouse gasses.
- Green Night at the Library: Pam Cubberly gave the following report:
 - Announced November 14th session about the GHG inventory
 - Gathered input about future Green Nights
 - Announced April 5th Planned Organic Gardner's Resource Fair at the last indoors Farmers Market at the Wesley Church.
 - Discussed bringing Tom Arnold back for another lecture on recycling
 - Discussed reserving a spot in January or February for an energy efficient lecture

- Parks and Urban Sprawl were also suggested as possible subjects
- Website Update: Trevor Lloyd gave the following update:
 - The Green Team website is now up and functioning on the City's official website. Trevor invited all to look at the website and make comments and suggestions for improvements.
- Recycling:
 - Discussion about Downtown business recycling.
- Council Update:
 - Bill Kawecky announced that City Council is still accepting applications for those concerned citizens who want to be on the advisory board about Woodburn School.
- Meeting closed at 6:45 pm