



**Green Initiatives Team
Meeting Minutes**

**September 4, 2014
6pm**

GIT and others in attendance: Phil LeBlanc, Emilee van Norden (via phone), Lisa Orr, and Jenny Willoughby

1. The group discussed sustainability recommendations for Westside Regional Park. The GIT heard a presentation in August from Dep. Dir. Roelkey Myers and DPW Director Zack Kershner requested the GIT provide recommendations that will go to Mayor and Board. The group discussed making the park a “clean energy park.” Also discussed were solar throughout the park to help power field lights and buildings, heat the indoor aquatic center, and provide power for other uses. Gray water for landscaping, cisterns for collecting gray water, self-contained composting units, recycling bins, composting toilets, bioretention areas, porous pavement, electric vehicle parking stations, and requiring compostable paperware and utensils for any groups providing vending services. Jenny will request other recommendations from absent group members and compile them into a formal recommendation for the director.
2. The final UMD PALS course list was passed around for all to review. More than 20 courses have been approved, five in the environmental field. Courses also have been outlined for planning, design, and preservation, community development and social history, and economy. The kick-off event is at City Hall on Wednesday, September 24 at 3 p.m. The event is open to the public.
3. The tree identification course will begin Wednesday, September 17, 6-8 p.m., and will run for five weeks. Registration is open to City residents, but is limited to 30. Email Jenny Willoughby jwilloughby@cityoffrederick.com to register.

4. Jenny discussed solar at the airport and throughout the City. An RFI will be created for solar at the airport and will be separated from the remainder of the City's solar because of the complicated nature of FAA regulations. Emilee van Norden and Emily Hansroth will work on the RFI with Jenny.
5. The draft Sustainability Master Plan Challenges section has been sent to DPW Director Zack Kershner for final review before being sent to Mayor and Board workshop.
6. There were no new topics presented.

The meeting was adjourned.