

TNR Committee

March 15, 2023

Attendees: Members: John Talty, Councilman Perry Albanese, Catherine Daley, Doreen Gesslein, Jo Anne Lambusta, Marcus Perry (A-Academy), Scott Smith

Scribe: Joanne Bergin

Roll Call and Welcome

14 people in attendance including Committee members.

Colony Caregiver Update and Discussion

People with colonies are getting more comfortable coming forward. In the past a lot of them didn't want to come forward – 2 more caretakers have joined the program since our last meeting: one on Dorothy Place and one is on Bay Harbor Boulevard. Doreen reported that the Program has 52 registered colonies. Our last number of cats in those colonies was 358 but that number hasn't been updated. We're hoping the number is lower by attrition. The Program had 21 new colonies in 2022.

Chairman Talty sent a letter to all registered colonies asking for updates. We will tally the responses from the letter and provide an updated number. Fortunately, we are not getting complaints about colonies or feral cats. The hotline gets a lot of calls from outside of our Town and we give them resources. A few callers ask about programs for dogs. While the Township does not have such a program, Doreen reported that her organization (Animal Birth Control) will help dogs and anyone answering the TNR hot line should feel free to share her number with any callers regarding dogs in need of assistance.

Veterinarian Update

Nothing new to report with East Coast Vet; everything is still the same. On April 1, East Coast is raising their prices, but not for established TNR programs they work with regularly.

Joanne was asked to check and see if we can use rider funds to send East Coast a fruit basket.

Doreen is now being reimbursed via draw down so she doesn't have to wait for a Council Bill Resolution; this change will help ensure reimbursements are processed in a timelier manner.

Issues or complaints

Chairman Talty reported there are none.

New cat traps

Doreen gave a quick demonstration of the new traps received by TNR purchased with the Rider account funds. Joanne will coordinate a tag of some kind to affix to the traps noting they're owned by Brick Township. Doreen will take the lead on coordinating requests to borrow the traps. Joanne will get tags made for the traps or have them stamped on the trap plate

Update on TNR Rider account balance

The account balance in the TNR rider as of today is \$7,181.21

2023 Events

Green Fair May 20, 2023

Night Out Against Crime August 1, 2023

Scott suggested a table near the field where the demonstrations are held.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting for volunteers to man these events.

Next meeting date

April 26th at 5 (Board) and 5:30 (Public).