

Jenkintown Environmental Advisory Council

Public Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 8/3/22

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: Zoom

MINUTES

Members Present: Judi Levicoff, Maureen Lucak, Mary Mertens, Jennifer Poole, Mimi Satterthwaite, Andrea McCarthy

Attendees: George Locke

TOPICS

- Pump House** - Private landscapers have unknowingly removed the self-seeded milkweed patch.
ACTION: Use as an example of habitat destruction. Put together photos and description and post on the Green Jenkintown Facebook page – *Maureen Lucak & Mimi Satterthwaite*
- Horse Trough** – Mimi Satterthwaite has been watering.
- Seed Swap** – Scheduled for Saturday, 9/24 (Rain Date Sunday, 10/2) in the Town Square 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
ACTION: Collect baby jars for seed collection – *Judi Levicoff*
Social media write-up – *Judi Levicoff & Mimi Satterthwaite*
Tips on how to harvest seeds – *Maureen Lucak w/Anne Brennan*
- Butterfly Release** – Scheduled for Saturday, 9/24 (Rain Date Sunday, 10/2) in the Town Square @ 2:00 – Judi Levicoff coordinator
ACTION: Social media write-up – *Judi Levicoff & Mimi Satterthwaite*
- Pollinator Gardens** – Continue development of native / pollinator gardens and education.
ACTION: Develop plans for future gardens – traffic island on Vernon @ Washintgon Lane, Town Square, etc. - *Maureen Lucak w/Anne Brennan*
Examples of gardens in recycling containers to display at events – *Judi Levicoff & Mary Mertens*
Signs “Garden in Process” signs – Jtown student sign contest – over winter break – coordinate with school

6. **Vernon Pollinator Garden** – Completed and being maintained by neighborhood volunteers.

ACTION: Organize photos and write-up for social media and local paper – *Mimi Satterthwaite will send to George Locke*

7. **Habitat Gardening classes** – The Abington & Jenkintown libraries would like to facilitate free classes to be scheduled late winter / early spring.

Action: *Judi Levicoff will reach out and Mary Mertens will assist.*

8. **Red & Blue Fair** – Can we set up a table?

ACTION: contact Home & School Association – *Committee*

9. **Fundraising** - Are we permitted to have fundraisers? What are the parameters?

ACTION: Develop defined fundraising activities and present for approval – *Committee*

10. **Tuesday Night Market** – Contact is Ben Burton

ACTION: Develop a plan/schedule for participating in 2023 - *Committee*

11. **Bird Town** – Bird Town is a working partnership of Audubon and municipalities in Pennsylvania to promote conservation and community-based actions to create a healthy, more sustainable environment for birds and people.

<https://birdtownpa.org/>

<https://pa.audubon.org/how-does-my-municipality-become-bird-town>

ACTION: Check our status and update membership as needed - *Committee*

12. **Monarch Migration:**

13. Monarch Watch <https://www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/>

Journey North <https://journeynorth.org/monarchs> - education opportunity

ACTION: Research steps to become certified as an official Monarch Waystation - *Judi Levicoff*

14. **Rotary Club** – The Rotary Club has coordinated with the borough in the past. They meet each Tuesday at 12:15 pm @ Grace Presbyterian and the NextGen Rotary meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm @ Bernie's Glenside.

ACTION: Put together some projects that may be a good fit. Reach out to the Rotary Club and plan to attend future meetings – *Mary Mertens, Judi Levicoff & Maureen Lucak*

15. **JEAC Webpage** – Review / revise / update the JEAC page on Borough website – *Mimi Satterthwaite will send to George Locke*

16. **WeConservePA** - <https://weconservepa.org/> - A community of conservation volunteers, professionals, and supporters. United around common interests and needs, we present a powerful force for conservation, and in sharing our knowledge and experiences, we are better equipped to make more and better conservation happen.

ACTION: Each Committee member to sign up to receive EAC Newsletter - <https://weconservepa.org/get-informed/> and access EAC Forums: <https://weconservepa.org/eac/join-discussion/> - *Committee*

17. **Single-use Plastic Initiative** – Montgomery County multi-municipality initiative in the works. Research to see how Jenkintown can get involved and what action we can take locally.

ACTION: Andrea McCarthy will send notes and handoff to *Jennifer Poole & Mary Mertens*.

18. **Storm drain labeling** – Map out and check labelling on Jenkintown storm drains.

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/StormwaterMgmt/pages/be-stormwater-smart-.aspx>

ACTION: Schedule in the fall with possible assistance from the Scouts – *Maureen Lucak*

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, 9/7 at 7:00 pm via Zoom