

Jenkintown Environmental Advisory Committee

Public Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 9/7/22

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: Zoom

MINUTES

Members Present: Judi Levicoff, Maureen Lucak, Mary Mertens, Jennifer Poole, Mimi Satterthwaite, Suzanne Hunter

Attendees: George Locke

TOPICS

CONSERVATION:

1. **Gardens** – Continue development of native / pollinator gardens and education.

ACTION: Order 2023 spring bulbs (*Maureen Lucak*)

Julie Slavet of TTF Watershed may be a resource for tips on managing water runoff in gardens.

Develop plans for future gardens – traffic island on Vernon @ Washington Lane, Town Square, etc. (*Maureen Lucak w/Anne Brennan*)

“Garden in Process” signs – Jtown student sign contest – over winter break coordinate with school

2. **Bird Town** – We’ve received the new sign.

ACTION: See about displaying it in Cedar Street Park. (*Committee*)

3. **Monarch Migration** - Research steps to become certified as an official Monarch Waystation. (*Judi Levicoff*)

SUSTAINABILITY:

1. **Single-use Plastic Initiative** – Montgomery County multi-municipality initiative is 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.

2. **Storm drain labeling** – Schedule in the fall with possible assistance from the Scouts.

ACTION: Public Works will send mapping to Maureen Lucak.

COMMUNITY:

1. **Seed Swap** – Scheduled for Saturday, 9/24 (Rain Date Sunday, 10/2) in the Town Square 1:00 – 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*)
2. **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*)
1. **Habitat Gardening classes** – Develop monthly information sessions on promoting and protecting a healthy habitat. The Abington & Jenkintown libraries may be able to help facilitate the classes to be scheduled late winter / early spring. Judi Levicoff will reach out and Mary Mertens will assist.
2. **Red & Blue Fair** – To be held during May.
ACTION: Contact the Home & School Association to request a table. (*Committee*)
3. **Tuesday Night Market** – Contact is Ben Burton
ACTION: Develop a plan/schedule for participating in 2023. (*Committee*)
4. **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 (perhaps the horse trough at West & Summit.) Reach out to the Rotary Club and plan to attend future meetings. (*Judi Levicoff, Maureen Lucak, Mary Mertens*)

ADMINISTRATION:

1. **Fundraising** - Develop defined fundraising activities and submit to Borough Council for approval.
ACTION: Verify the details/parameters required for a request. (*Committee*)
2. **JEAC Webpage** – Review/revise/update the JEAC page on Borough website.
ACTION: Webpage action plan target date 1/4/23
3. **WeConservePA** - *EAC Network Fall Gathering 10/22/22 8:30 – 4:40* Haverford Community & Environmental Center. Fee is \$65 until 10/11 and \$85 10/12 to 10/22.
4. **JEAC Budget** - \$414 remaining as of 9/7/22.
ACTION: Prepare 2022 JEAC summary report as support for 2023 budget request.
5. JEAC “working meeting” to be scheduled for the committee members the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 in the Borough Hall.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, 10/6 at 7:00 pm via Zoom