

Jenkintown Environmental Advisory Committee

Public Meeting

Date: Thursday, 10/6/22

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: Zoom

MINUTES

Members Present: Judi Levicoff, Mary Mertens, Jennifer Poole, Mimi Satterthwaite

Attendees: George Locke

TOPICS

CONSERVATION:

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

2023 spring bulbs have been ordered with Saturday 11/5 as tentative plant date. Judi Levicoff will reach out to the Rotary Club for volunteers. Suggested planting areas: Town Square, Horse Trough, Vernon & Vista Rds. garden

Utilize mulch from Abington Township to help deter squirrels from making off with bulbs. (Jenkintown fall leaf collection is currently sent to Abington Township's mulch program.)

Maureen Lucak has reached out to neighbors at the Vernon & Vista Rds. garden to check about fall cleanup. Check with Anne Brennan regarding what should be done now and what should wait until early spring. Collect seeds for 2023 planting.

Contact the owner of the greenhouse on Cedar Rd. to see if the JEAC can use some space to start seeds for the 2023 gardens. – Judi Levicoff & Mary Mertens

We have a contact at Lindy Properties who is interested in planting native/pollinator plants in their property gardens next year. We'll put together a list of suggested plants.

Second Chances Shoppe is interested in coordinating with JEAC to install a butterfly mural on their wall facing the Town Square and plant a pollinator garden directly across from it. Judi Levicoff will contact a rep from the Shoppe to begin working out the details.

Green Recycling Bin gardens – Post a notice for unused old Jenkintown recycling bins. The bins could be used for small porch/patio garden containers, perhaps tie in to the planned 2023 gardening classes.

2. **Bird Town** – The new sign is ready to be installed. Choose a location for display at Cedar Street Park and notify George Locke
3. **Monarch Migration** – Maureen Lucak has completed the paperwork to be designated a Monarch Waystation and dropped it off with the Borough to be signed and mailed.

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. Mary Mertens & Jennifer Poole will research what neighboring communities have done. Mary Mertens will attend the EAC Network Fall Gathering on 10/22/22.
2. **Storm drain labeling** – Tentative schedule date of Saturday 12/3 (cannot be done in the rain.) We need to determine how many volunteers are needed. How will the areas be broken out and will it take multiple dates? How will we keep a clear record of which areas have been checked? Put together potential volunteer list – Scouts (Maureen Lucak has reached out), 9/24 sign-up sheet, verify the correct JHS contact for the Service Hours program. Public Works will provide mapping to Maureen Lucak
3. **Leaf Collection** – We should add the Borough Leaf Collection schedule to Green Jenkintown page. Create a flyer/news blast with curbside collection tips / don & don'ts.
4. **Recycling** – Request a blue recycling bin at Borough Hall to collect holiday string lights.
5. **Composting** – Karen Hanson from the Abington EAC has reached out to see about coordination. We'll invite her to a JEAC meeting to discuss.

COMMUNITY:

1. **Jenkintown High School** – Confirm best contact for JHS community service program and reach out to see how we can coordinate with our events.
2. **Butterfly Release & Seed Swap** – took place Saturday, 9/24 in the Town Square 1:00 – 4:00 pm. The event was well received and the attendees were very engaged. The butterfly release drew the most interest. Notes for next year: Schedule on a Sunday to avoid sports schedules, start marketing the event sooner. ACTION: Send "Thank You" letter to Primex Garden Center for seed donation. Social media write-up (Judi Levicoff & Mimi Satterthwaite)
3. **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.
4. **Rotary Club** – Meets 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: Judi Levicoff will contact the Rotary to see about coordinating spring bulb planting volunteer event. Tentative date of Saturday 11/5.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. **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.
2. **JEAC Budget** – 2022 funds have been spent as of 10/6/22. ACTION: Prepare 2022 JEAC summary report as support for 2023 budget request by the end of October. Priority for Monday 10/17 planning meeting.
3. We'll begin saving and organizing committee planning notes using the JEAC Gmail account.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Tuesday, 11/1 at 7:00 pm via Zoom