

Jenkintown Environmental Advisory Committee

Public Meeting

Date: Thursday, 11/1/22

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Zoom

MINUTES

Members Present: Judi Levicoff, Maureen Lucak, Mary Mertens, Mimi Satterthwaite

Attendees: Joanne Bruno, George Locke

TOPICS

CONSERVATION:

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

2023 spring bulbs have been planted at Borough Hall. Remaining bulbs to be planted in the Town Square and Vernon & Vista Garden.

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.

We have a contact at Lindy Properties who is interested in planting native/pollinator plants in their property gardens next year. 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 the rep from the Lindy Properties 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 will be installed at Cedar Street Park.
3. **Leaf Collection** – 2022 information has been posted on Green Jenkintown and the JEAC Borough page,
4. **Monarch Migration** – We've received the certification and the sign will be placed at Vernon & Vista Garden.

SUSTAINABILITY:

1. **Single-Use Plastics Initiative** – Mary Mertens attended the EAC Network Fall Gathering on 10/22/22 which included a session on the Montgomery County multi-municipality Single-Use Plastics initiative (Montgomery County Single-Use Plastics Coalition – *Montgomery County SUPC*) Mary Mertens will attend the MC-SUPC meetings to gather information and sample ordinances to see what practical measures the Borough might take. The JEAC will work together to review the information and

neighboring community initiatives with the intention to present the data/information to the Borough Council for review/action. Eleven PA municipalities have passed SUP ordinances and at least two others have submitted proposals. Abington Township is currently gathering information for their proposal.

2. **Storm Drain Labeling** – Scouts will not be available before year-end. Postpone labelling project to 2023 once weather is appropriate. Public Works will provide mapping to Maureen Lucak.

3. **Recycling**

Request a blue recycling bin at Borough Hall to collect holiday string lights.

Plan two community recycling events for 2023 in conjunction with MontCo scheduled recycling events.

COMMUNITY:

1. **Jenkintown High School** – Confirm the best contact for JHS community service program and reach out to see how we can coordinate with our events.
2. **Butterfly Release** – “Thank You” letter will be sent to Primex Garden Center for seed donation. Judi Levicoff & Mimi Satterthwaite will post monthly updates on Green Jenkintown.
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 and Mimi Satterthwaite will reach out the libraries.
4. Mary Mertens will research the “SignUpGenius” software tool to manage community classes and events.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. **WeConservePA** – Two-part workshop on Grants – Finding, Writing & Managing for EACs. Wednesday 11/9 and Wednesday 11/16.
2. **JEAC Budget** – Maureen Lucak will present the 2022 JEAC summary report and 2023 JEAC budget request at the Public Budget Workshop Meeting Wednesday 11/2/22.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Tuesday, 12/6 at 7:00 pm via Zoom