

Jenkintown Environmental Advisory Committee

Public Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 01/04/23

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Zoom

MINUTES

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

Attendees: Joanne Bruno, Maxine Marlowe, Shelby Smith

12/06/22 Meeting Minutes approved.

TOPICS

CONSERVATION:

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

Native & Pollinator plant lists have been added to the JEAC webpage.

Judi Levicoff will meet the owner of the greenhouse on Cedar Rd. in January to discuss the possibility of the JEAC using some space to start seeds for the 2023 gardens and plant giveaways.

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

Second Chances Shoppe is interested in coordinating with Lindy Properties and the 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 to be dropped off at Maureen Lucak's residence. The bins will 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. **Monarch Migration** – We've received the certification and the sign will be placed at Vernon & Vista Garden.
4. **Winter Salt Treatments** – Post a notice regarding the proper type / use of salt for winter weather.

SUSTAINABILITY:

1. **Single-Use Plastics Initiative** – Mary Mertens and Jenn Poole will attend the Montgomery County Single-Use Plastics Coalition (SUPC) meetings and review neighboring community initiatives to research what practical measures the Borough might take. The JEAC will review the information with the intention to present a proposal to the Borough Council for review/action.
2. **Storm Drain Labeling** – Postpone labelling project to 2023 once weather is appropriate. Public Works will provide mapping to Maureen Lucak.
3. **Composting Program** – Mary Mertens will participate in MontCo Composting collaboration meetings.
4. **Recycling**

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

Create and maintain a list of item-specific local recycling drop-off locations and post on Jenkintown Borough page.

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 periodic 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 to the libraries.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. **WeConservePA** – EAC Network Conference scheduled for Saturday 02/25/23
2. **JEAC Budget** – The 2023 Borough budget has been approved.
3. **Fundraising** – Maureen Lucak will research options for creating a Jenkintown reusable shopping bag.
4. Mary Mertens will research the “SignUpGenius” software tool to manage community classes and events.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, 02/01/23 at 7:00 pm via Zoom