

Jenkintown Environmental Advisory Committee

Public Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 02/01/23

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Zoom

MINUTES

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

Attendees: George Locke, Margaret Leary Remich

01/04/23 Meeting Minutes approved.

TOPICS

CONSERVATION:

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

The JEAC will meet with the owner of the Cedar Road Greenhouse on 2/13 to discuss a collaboration for seed starting projects and community education.

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. NO UPDATE

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. NO UPDATE

Jenkintown High School has an active garden project.

2. **Bird Town PA** – The Bird Town PA designation 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** – Notice posted on social media notice regarding the proper type / use of salt for winter weather. Reach out to the TTF for possible presentation at future meeting.
5. **Cedar Street Park** – “Butterfly Crossing” sign will be installed.

6. **“No Mow May”** - The goal of No Mow May is to allow grass to grow unmown for the month of May, creating habitat and forage for early season pollinators. The JEAC will present the initiative to the Borough Council for approval to waive the Borough’s lawn maintenance requirement for the month of May. We’ll publicize the initiative on our social media posts and flyers.

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. **Composting Program** – Mary Mertens & Jenn Poole will participate in MontCo Composting collaboration meetings. NO UPDATE
3. **Storm Drain Labelling** – Tentative date Sunday 5/21. Maureen Lucak will coordinate the project.
4. **Recycling** - Plan two community recycling events for 2023 in conjunction with MontCo scheduled recycling events. NO UPDATE

COMMUNITY:

1. **EARTH WEEK** – Margaret Leary Remich gave a presentation on 2023 Earth Day planned activities
George Locke will reach out to the Borough trash removal provider Republic Services regarding a presentation on recycling
Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership – possible presenter
Friday 4/21 – Judi Levicoff will present a program during school hours. “Magical Migrating Monarchs”
Saturday 4/22 – Earth Day
Sunday 4/23 – “Block By Block” cleanup at Town Square 1:00 – 3:00
 - JEAC will map out the pick-up routes and coordinate with Public Works for final collection
 - School Sustainability Committee will post signs throughout the Borough
 - JEAC will publicize on social media
 - Terracycle collection
 - Mini recycling event – batteries, cellphones, ink cartridges, string lights
2. **Butterfly Release** – “Thank You” letter has been 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. Judi Levicoff and Mimi Satterthwaite will meet with the Jenkintown library to discuss a collaboration to present a class and speaker series for 2023.
4. **Scout Service Patch** – The JEAC will coordinate with the JCA to award Scout service project patches for participation in the 2022 and 2023 Borough cleanup events.

5. **Kiwanis Club of Jenkintown** – Maureen Lucak and Mary Mertens will attend the Kiwanis Club of Jenkintown’s February meeting to discuss the role of the JEAC and current projects.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. **WeConservePA** – EAC Network Conference scheduled for Saturday 02/25/23
2. **Fundraising** – Maureen Lucak will research options for creating a Jenkintown reusable shopping bag.
3. **Borough Webpage** – Copy George Locke on all updates in order to make the most efficient use of the webpage administrator’s time.
4. **Social Media** –Mimi Satterthwaite will create quarterly reports tracking posts and activity to be presented at the Committee Workshop.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, 03/01/23 at 7:00 pm via Zoom