

Jenkintown Environmental Advisory Committee

Public Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, 03/01/23

Members Present: Judi Levicoff, Maureen Lucak, Mary Mertens, Jenn Poole

Attendees: George Locke, Ryan Neuman (TTF Watershed), Alex Cahill

Approval of 02/01/23 Meeting Minutes

Guest Speaker: Ryan Neuman – Upstream Conservation Leader for the Tookany/Tacony Frankford Watershed Partnership (TTF Watershed). Presentation on the impact of road salt and construction runoff on local waterways.

- Construction site monitoring
- Road Salt monitoring
- Rain Gardens

TOPICS:

Conservation

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

Judi Levicoff, Maureen Lucak, Mimi Satterthwaite and Mary Mertens met with the owner of the Cedar Road Greenhouse on 2/24 to discuss a collaboration for a seed starting project.

Town Square – Judi Levicoff will meet with a Lindy Properties rep who is interested in planting native/pollinator plants in their property gardens this year. We will provide a list of suggested plants.

Town Square - 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 meet with a rep from Lindy Properties to begin working out the details.

Green Recycling Bin Gardens – A notice has been posted on @greenjenkintown to collect unused old Jenkintown recycling bins at Block By Block on 4/23. The bins will be used to promote small container gardening in the Borough.

2. **Bird Town PA** – The new Bird Town PA sign will be ordered and be installed at Cedar Street Park. Lucy Malone has volunteered to assist with the Borough's Bird Town membership requirements.
3. **Monarch Migration** – We've received the certification and the sign will be placed at Vernon & Vista Garden. NO UPDATE
4. **Cedar Street Park** – "Butterfly Crossing" sign will be installed. NO UPDATE
5. **"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. NO UPDATE

Sustainability

1. **Single-Use Plastics Initiative** – Mary Mertens and Jenn Poole attended the Single-Use Plastics Coalition (SUPC) meeting on 2/8 and the seminar “How To Pass A Single Use Plastic Bag Ban” on 2/28. We'll review the Borough's ordinance proposal process.
2. **Composting Program** – Mary Mertens attended the February 21st MontCo Composting collaboration meeting. The group is working on a resident survey to gauge involvement and interest in composting.
3. **Storm Drain Labelling** – Tentative date Sunday 5/21. Maureen Lucak will coordinate the project. NO UPDATE
4. **Recycling** - Plan two community recycling events for 2023 in conjunction with MontCo scheduled recycling events. Mary Mertens will reach out to neighboring municipalities for recycling contacts.

Community

1. **EARTH WEEK** – NO UPDATE

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. **Habitat Gardening Classes** – Judi Levicoff, Mimi Satterthwaite, Mary Mertens and Suanne Hunter met with Nina Meister (Director) and Dena Kimball (Programming & Youth Services Director) from the Jenkintown Library on 2/13 to discuss a collaboration to present a class and speaker series for 2023. The first event “Grow Native Plants” will be presented by Marcus Ferriera at the Library on 3/30 at 6:30 PM. The Library and the JEAC will promote the seminar on their social media pages.
 3. **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. NO UPDATE
 4. **Kiwanis Club of Jenkintown** – Maureen Lucak and Mary Mertens attended the Kiwanis Club of Jenkintown's February 23rd meeting to discuss the role of the JEAC and current projects.

Administration

1. **WeConservePA** – Mary Mertens attended the EAC Network Conference on Saturday 02/25/23
2. **Fundraising** – NO UPDATE
3. **Borough Webpage** – NO UPDATE
4. **Social Media** – NO UPDATE

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Tuesday, 04/04/23 at 7:00 pm via Zoom