

Jenkintown Environmental Action Committee

Public Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, 04/04/23

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

Attendees: George Locke, Alex Cahill

Approval of 03/01/23 Meeting Minutes

TOPICS:

Conservation

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

Cedar Road Greenhouse – Milkweed seeds have been dropped off. No update on planting.

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've provided 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.
NO UPDATE

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. NO UPDATE

Horse Trough @ Summit & Township Line - Maureen Lucak has planted for the spring.

2. **Bird Town PA** – The new Bird Town PA sign will be ordered and be installed at Cedar Street Park. NO UPDATE
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 Plastic Initiative** – Cheltenham Township and Abington Township have both submitted a Single-Use Plastic Ordinance draft proposal to their boards. Mary Mertens and Jenn Poole are reviewing

neighboring municipality proposals and ordinances. We plan to present a proposal to study implementing a single-use plastic ordinance in the Borough at the 5/17 Public Committee Workshop Meeting.

2. **Composting Program** – Mary Mertens attended an EAC Composting webinar on 3/7 and the MontCo Composting collaboration meeting on 3/27. 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. NO UPDATE

Community

1. **EARTH WEEK**

George Locke will reach out to the Borough trash removal provider Republic Services regarding a presentation on recycling

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
- The JEAC will hand out seed packets

2. **Habitat Gardening Classes** – The JEAC and Jenkintown Library co-hosted a “Grow Native Plants” seminar presented by Marcus Ferriera at the Library on 3/30 at 6:30 PM. We had approximately 27 attendees.
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. We’re waiting for the vendor to provide a sample.

Administration

1. **Seminars** – Mary Mertens attended the League of Woman Voters Green Amendment webinar on 3/28/23
2. **Borough Webpage** – NO UPDATE

- 3. Social Media** – The *@greenjenktinown* account is now following local businesses and community groups on Instagram to expand our outreach.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, 05/03/23 at 7:00 pm via Zoom