

## Jenkintown Environmental Action Committee

### **Public Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, 05/03/23**

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

**Attendees:** George Locke, Alex Cahill

### **Approval of 04/04/23 Meeting Minutes**

#### **TOPICS:**

##### **Conservation**

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

Cedar Road Greenhouse – Milkweed plants have been started. They'll be used for the Town Square gardens and excess will be given away at the Jenkintown Night Market.

Town Square – Lindy Properties has ordered plants and signs for the Pump House Garden.

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 – Five bins collected at the Block By Block event on 4/23. Some will be filled with pollinator/native plants and placed at Borough Hall as examples of small container gardening.

Borough Hall Garden – Some residents of Summit House are interested in helping maintain the vegetable garden.

2. **Bird Town PA** – A Bird Town PA representative will present our certificate and sign at the June Borough Council meeting. We'll be scheduling a Bird Walk over the summer.
3. **Monarch Migration** – We've received the certification and the sign was installed at the Vernon & Vista Garden.
4. **Cedar Street Park** – "Butterfly Crossing" sign will be installed. NO UPDATE
5. **"No Mow May"** - The JEAC wasn't able to present the initiative to the Borough Council for 2023 but will publicize it on social media and add it to the February 2024 agenda.

##### **Sustainability**

1. **Single-Use Plastic Initiative** – Cheltenham Township passed a Single Use ordinance on April 26<sup>th</sup>. It's scheduled to go into effect 1/1/24. 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 the MontCo Composting collaboration meeting on 4/24.
3. **Storm Drain Labelling** – Scheduled for Sunday, 6/4 (Rain date Sunday, 6/11)
4. **Recycling** - We'll publicize the Glenside Shredding Event Saturday, 5/20 and the MontCo Household Hazardous Waste events for 2023. String Light, TerraCycle and small item recycling bins will be set up at the JEAC table at the Jenkintown Night Market on 6/13, 7/11, and 8/8.

## **Community**

### 1. **EARTH WEEK**

Friday 4/21 – Judi Levicoff presented the program “Magical Migrating Monarchs” at the Jenkintown School Earth Day event and handed out seed packets to the students.

Sunday 4/23 – “Block by Block” cleanup in collaboration with the Jenkintown Sustainability Committee. We had about 40 participants collect over 10 large bags of trash. All participants were offered complimentary seed packets.

2. **Jenkintown Library Collaboration** – Mimi Satterthwaite and Judi Levicoff are coordinating with the Library to schedule programs through October.
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. NO UPDATE

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:** Wednesday, 06/07/23 at 7:00 pm via Zoom