

## Jenkintown Environmental Action Committee

### **Public Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, 06/07/23**

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

**Attendees:** George Locke, Joanne Bruno, Linda McGrath

### **Approval of 05/03/23 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. NO UPDATE

Town Square – Lindy Properties has ordered plants and signs for the Pump House Garden. NO UPDATE

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 – Borough Hall planters will be used as examples of small container gardening at the Jenkintown NightMarket.

Pump House Garden – The milkweed garden has been roped off and is doing well

2. **Bird Town PA** – A Bird Town PA representative will present our certificate and sign at the June Borough Council meeting.
  - Schedule a Bird Walk over the summer.
  - Post a message on Facebook and Instagram reminding people to look out for wildlife due to the wildfire related air quality issues.
  - Schedule a children's book reading in Cedar Park
3. **Cedar Street Park** – "Butterfly Crossing" sign will be installed. NO UPDATE

#### **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 signed up for the Institute for Local Self Reliance “Community Composting Certificate”.
3. **Storm Drain Labelling** – Volunteers helped review and label 75% of the Borough storm drains on Sunday, 6/4. The last 25% will be checked on Sunday, 6/28 weather permitting. A revised Storm Water Ordinance proposal to update the ordinance to the DEP model will be presented at the June Council meeting.
4. **Recycling** - 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. Mary Mertens will look into battery recycling/disposal options.

### **Community**

1. **Jenkintown Library Collaboration** – Mimi Satterthwaite and Judi Levicoff are coordinating with the Library to schedule programs through October. Composting Program scheduled for Monday, 6/12 with a presentation from Back To Earth Compost
2. **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. The vendor sample needs to be revised and should be ready mid-June.
3. **Cedar Street Park** – The Borough has received a quote for a 15 x 15 shade structure and will be submitting it in a grant request
4. **Borough Hall** – new benches will be installed by the garden outside Borough Hall

### **Administrative**

1. The JEAC webpage has been updated on the Borough webpage.
2. Election of the 2023- -2024 committee positions: Chairperson – Maureen Lucak, Vice Chair – Mimi Satterthwaite, and Recording Secretary – Mary Mertens

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:** Wednesday, 07/05/23 at 7:00 pm via Zoom