

# Jenkintown Environmental Advisory Committee

## Public Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, 06/04/25

**Members Present:** Maureen Lucak, Judith Levicoff, Jennifer Poole-Pendergrass

**Attendees:** George Locke, Katherine Falso, Lucy Sharp, Joanne Bruno

### **Approval of 05/07/25 Meeting Minutes**

#### **TOPICS:**

##### **Conservation**

###### **1. Bird Town PA -**

- Katherine Falso will join the night market and help with the coloring of the color banner and other crafts.
- *Jenkintown Intergenerational Bird Club* The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, 6/14 at the Cedar Street Park, rain location at the gazebo in Town Square. Topics to include how to use binoculars, the Merlin app, and window clings to prevent window strikes.

##### **Sustainability**

###### **1. Single-Use Plastic Initiative –**

- The proposed ordinance regulating single-use plastic bags, straws, and stirrers was presented at the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Committee Workshop meeting. Borough Council has forwarded on to the Borough Solicitor for review and comment. NO UPDATE

###### **2. Recycling –**

- The PA Recycling Grant request for funds to purchase 300 additional recycling bins has been awarded. The new totes arrived, and the Borough distributed 130 to residents who signed up in advance. Some additional bins are still available, and residents may submit a request to the Borough Public Works department.
  - i. The JEAC is encouraging the residents to recycle, so if people would like a second bin, they should receive one.
- The Borough is no longer collecting single-use plastic bags, and the like, but they are being collected at the Giant in Jenkintown.
- The Borough does not collect styrofoam at Borough Hall, but there is a resident who collects and can recycle, so if need be we can reach out to send the recycling to them.
- The JEAC continues to encourage the residents to read signs on recycling bins and not put inappropriate materials in the string light and Terracycle bins.

###### **3. Open Burn Ordinance –** Borough residents have contacted the JEAC regarding the Borough's Open Burn ordinance. The group is working with the JEAC on an updated ordinance and will present a draft proposal at a future JEAC meeting. ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

###### **4. Ready For 100 –** The JEAC has forwarded the presentation by Bill Sabey to the Jenkintown Planning Commission and will follow up.

##### **Community**

###### **1. "Sustainable You" Workshops –** About 20 people attended the April meeting about plant pollinators.

2. **2025 JEAC Sustainability Fair** – Tentative Date Sunday 9/28/25. The MCI's Environmental Mobile Unit (EMU) has been booked for a discounted fee. Overall planning to commence shortly to ensure a successful event.
3. **Block by Block** - The 2025 event has occurred. NO UPDATE.
4. **SPS Technologies** – The company's website has information and updates. Soil results have been shared, and PA DEP is arranging a public webinar regarding education of soil results. Updates will continued to be shared via municipal pages, meetings, and emails.
5. **Jenkintown Night Market** – The JEAC will staff a table on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month through September: 6/10, 7/8, 8/12, and 9/9.

#### **Administration**

1. **Voting on members** - Postponed until next month.

#### **New Business**

1. **Storm Drains** - Andrea has the markers.
2. **Road Cleaning** - JEAC to push the road map for storm drain cleaning to the Borough and a blurb about its importance and how residents can help the effort be successful.
3. **Joane Bruno of the Beaver Hill Gardening Committee** - Inquired about the Jenkintown Shade Tree Committee and what the Borough can do to help improve the plant coverage at the property. Contact information for relevant parties to be shared.

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:** Wednesday, 07/02/25 at 7:00 pm via Zoom