

Jenkintown Environmental Advisory Committee

Public Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, 09/03/25

Members Present: Maureen Lucak, Judith Levicoff, Jennifer Poole-Pendergrass, Mary Mertens, Mimi Satterthwaite

Attendees: George Locke, Bill Sabey, Gregory Mauer, Suzanne Hunter, Maxinne Marlowe

Approval of 07/02/25 Meeting Minutes

TOPICS:

Conservation

1. **Bird Town PA -**
 - a. Jenkintown Intergenerational Bird Club Needs to find a place and date for the next meeting.
 - b. Upcoming events:
 - i. Sept. 4, 2025: Return to Environment (online, hosted by Hosted by Birdtown Pennsylvania)
 - ii. Sept. 25, 2025: Native Plants
 - iii. Oct. 23, 2025: Bird feeding as a supplement

Sustainability

1. **Single-Use Plastic Initiative** – The Borough received a draft ordinance with redlined comments from the solicitor. The proposed ordinance regulating single-use plastic bags, straws, and stirrers is supposed to be presented at the September 17th, 2025 Committee Workshop meeting. If it is not reviewed by committee in September, then it will be presented in October.
2. **Recycling** – The PA Recycling Grant request for funds to purchase 300 additional recycling bins has been awarded and is now closed. This grant occurs every 2 years. It was suggested that Jenkintown apply for a borough wide yard waste grant. Mr. Locke is going to look into it. This would be optional for residents.
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. Bill Sabey offered to send new templates and to help and handhold through the process. The JEAC is planning to present Ready for 100 to Committee Workshop on November 18, 2025 and will invite the planning commission; this is to ensure that despite the Planning Commission's busy schedule, this initiative does not fall to the wayside. Bill Sabey will be there to help and is cautious about providing too little or too much information. He suggests that the JEAC members potentially reach out beforehand to provide background information.

Community

1. **"Sustainable You" Workshops** – ON HOLD UNTIL SPRING 2026. NO UPDATE
2. **Jenkintown Night Market** – The JEAC will staff a table on September 9, 2025 and will provide information about sustainability and will advertise the 2025 JEAC Sustainability Fair..
3. **2025 JEAC Sustainability Fair** – Sunday 9/28/25 11:30 AM- 1:30 PM. We have butterflies! There was a discussion regarding logistics and supplies.
4. **Storm Drain Labelling** - Will find out if this has been completed.
5. **Street Cleaning Map** - Map was shared with the borough. Street cleaning ends in early October.

6. **Shade Tree Committee** - Will find if they reached out to Beaver Hill

Administration

1. **No New Administrative Business.**

New Business

1. **Open Space Grant** - Jenkinton has applied for an open space grant for Cedar Street Park in order to get the majority of the remaining monies owed.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Monday, 10/06/25 at 7:00 pm via Zoom