

Jenkintown Environmental Advisory Committee

Public Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, 01/07/26

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

Attendees: George Locke

Approval of 11/05/25 Meeting Minutes

TOPICS:

Conservation

1. Bird Town PA –

- a. Attended the Liberty Alliance Bird Club meeting on November 11, 2025.
- b. December 9, 2025 – Katherine attended the Liberty Alliance Bird Club “Last Minute Trip With Lasting Impact: Flock to Marion 2025”
- c. JCA (Jenkintown Community Alliance) invited the JEAC and the Jenkintown Intergenerational Bird Club to participate in the “Join Jenkintown” event on January 10, 2026 at 1:00 to 3:30 pm at the Immaculate Conception Church. Maureen and Katherine will attend.

Sustainability

- 1. Single-Use Plastic Initiative** – Next steps are to meet with the solicitor and review the draft ordinance with redlined comments.
- 2. Open Burn Ordinance** – ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- 3. Ready For 100** –The JEAC is planning to present Ready for 100 to Committee Workshop in March 2026.

Community

- 1. “Sustainable You” Workshops** – JEAC members have a week (until January 14, 2026) to provide class suggestions, but members want classes to support Jenkintown Borough initiatives. There was a discussion potential events about stormwater management and drains as well as partnering with Public Works and TTF.
- 2. Sustainability Fair** – The date for this event is going to be determined later.
- 3. Block by Block** – This event has been scheduled for April 26, 2026. There are tentative plans to get milkweed plant donations to give out at the event.
- 4. String Lights** – Jenkintown recycles string lights for the Borough residents. Last year 270 pounds were collected.

Administration

- 1.** The JEAC’s public meeting in April will occur on April 1, 2026.
- 2.** The 2026 Budget was approved and there are no issues.
- 3. Classes and Events Attended by Members:**
 - a. SPS Meeting** – Jennifer Poole-Pendergrass attended a meeting with SPS and Borough Council members as a concerned member of the public on November 11, 2025. They discussed future building, following the current codes, and suggestions that SPS should engage in more public communications.
 - b. Annual We Conserve EAC Conference** – November 15, 2025 at The Conference Center—Penn State Great Valley in Malvern, PA. There was an update on Gas Leaf Blower ban and Food Composting with Cheltenham and Springfield.
 - c. Tree Meeting** – November 17, 2025 on Zoom with members of Planning, Shade Tree and JEAC.
 - d. Protection of Habitats** – November 20, 2025 on Zoom. Maureen attended this Penn Environmental Research and Policy Center presentation

- e. **Sewage Pollution in the Philadelphia and Camden Area** – December 4, 2025 via Zoom. Maureen attended this Penn Environment Research and Policy Center event
 - f. **Tree Meeting** – Maureen met with Planning Commission members Peter Van Do and Lucinda Bartley on December 8, 2025 to determine what they hope to accomplish with the tree inventory of Jenkintown. The tree inventory is part of the Jenkintown 2035 plan.
2. **Montgomery County Sustainability Committee** – Jennifer Poole-Pendergrass is applying for a position on the committee.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, 02/04/26 at 7:00 pm via Zoom