Jenkintown Environmental Advisory Committee

Public Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, 10/07/26

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

Attendees: Bill Sabey, Kelsey Biehn

Approval of 09/02/26 Meeting Minutes

TOPICS:

Conservation

1. **Bird Town PA** –
    a. September 8 – Town Square Concert Event where the JEAC presented about Birds, Butterflies and Recycling – attended by Katherine and Maureen
    b. The Birdtown Pennsylvania organization has paid for individual PA Bird Towns to show the caterpillar movie

Sustainability

2. **Open Burn Ordinance** – No update
3. **Ready For 100** – Approved at the September 23 Borough Council meeting. Next steps will be discussed in 2027.

Community

4. **"Sustainable You" Workshops** – Kelsey Biehn has provided AI data center training before at her job and has offered to do so in early 2027 in Jenkintown.
5. **Sustainability Fair** – There was a good turnout despite the weather. Butterflies were not released because they were not ready and because it was raining. Only 2 presenters didn't show.
    a. Next year we will start an email list to contact all presenters at the same time.
    b. Raffle:
        i. Bill Sabey won the sustainability home basket
        ii. Ora won the compost bin
    c. October 7 – Butterfly release – about 30 kids and their adults met in Town square to watch 8 butterflies be released.
6. Katherine would like to give seeds back to the library.
7. **Classes and Events Attended by Members:**
    a. September 10 – Jenkintown Elementary School Back to School Night – attended by Katherine, Maureen and Judi
    b. September 15 – Planning Commission (of note due to an AI Data Centers comment) – attended by Maureen
    c. September 15 – Webinar Sacred Spaces – attended by Maureen
    d. September 16 – Boy Scouts meeting (of note because of their proposed projects around Jenkintown) – attended by Maureen
    e. September 23 – Borough Council meting wherein Ready for 100 was approved – attended by Maureen
    f. September 30 – Compost meeting – attended by Maureen
    g. September 30 – Abington Library Migrating Butterflies – attended by Mimi, Judi, Katherine and Maureen
    h. October 1 – Greener Together (held at Springfield Library) – attended by Mimi, Judi, Maureen, and Anne McHaffie
8. **Tuesday Nights of Summer in Town Square –** No update. Will be removed until spring 2027.
9. **Pesticides –** Jennifer reviewed PA state ordinances and legislation and found what was going on at the school was in compliance.
10. **Recycling–** Katherine will check where to recycle prescription bottles.

Administration

11. **2027 Budget** – The JEAC proposes to keep the same amount as 2026.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, 11/04/26 at 7:00 pm via Zoom