

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2023

In attendance were:

Lynnette Saunders, EAC Chair
Jean Scherfcunningham, secretary EAC
Karl Pfizenmayer, EAC
Shawn Hopkins, EAC
Donna & Mark Rosenbaum
Constantine Woznyj, EAC
Margie Repka-Peters, UM Free Public Library
Jim Morrison, EAC
Edward Mackin
Ava Cleary, Student rep

Minutes of February were approved with changes.

Donna is officially approved as an EAC member by the commissioners.

Outdoor Environmental Education Center –Township Engineers will work on lot line survey so they know will the fence will go.

Single use plastic bag ban. – Commissioners need more discussion. This will be on the first page of the township newsletter. Also thinking we should do more surveys, especially with businesses. Enforcement would be done by consumer reporting which is what other municipalities have done

Bird Town –Resolution was passed on Feb 6th at commissioners meeting. We have 2 new signs. Thinking is we should deliver them in person and take pictures. We need an annual report each year, so we should keep track of volunteer hours for future projects. We need a date for the presentation.

Tree City application was initially denied. but Pat Stasio can respond to deficiencies

We need to keep track of volunteer hours. We can count the Farmstead Park work.

Latest idea for where to put trees for dog park is in the fenced area and on the path. Suggestions for types of trees for dog park are:

- Redbud
- Spice bush
- Pin oak
- Scarlet oak
- Black gum
- Serviceberry

Earth Day and Arbor Day Planning for Sat April 22, 2023.

- Lynnette is getting stickers for new dates for signs and banners

- Popcorn machine – we can use it, there should be no problem with the power
- Ava – Climate change and what individuals can do
- Time would be 10 to 1:30
- PERT (Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust) said they will send people to our event after their 5K run. Hopefully, they will have a table
- Add Arbor Day elements. New red maple tree near pond.
- DJ – He did commit to the date
- Food: pretzels, vegetarian pizza, non-dairy Ice cream in paper cups (Ed can bring educational materials about the environmental benefits of non-dairy products) Mark is willing to learn how to use the library's popcorn machine or maybe one of the Library Friends. Jean can bring large cooler of water and paper cups.
- Donna can do a table on Monarchs. Perhaps Milkweed plants to give away.
- Jean can grow more dill plants to be given out by Audubon
- Audubon – confirmed they can come
- Exact Solar – not sure if a person is coming or it will just be information
- Karl has gotten 48 bird feeders and 48 planters for the kids to build from Home Depot
- Lynnette can supply bird seed
- We have 26 Puddle Garden books to give away
- Electric Cars. Ed has a Hyundai Ioniq. Ask Cheryl Lockard if she can bring hers
- Briar Bush
- See about selling Native plants from PERT
- Jean will look into getting trees for give-away
- Ed did write up about the environmental provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act. This information can be at the EAC table
- Include how to contact legislators for Local state and federal levels
- Block off a spot for Maria Collett and Nancy Guenst.
- Advertising – what can we do new?
Flyer for Earth Day Fair – give to commissioners
Virtual Backpack
Yard Signs
Facebook

Beyond Plastics is looking at having a table

Septa – Constantine spoke with a person in the sustainability department.

Adjourned at 8:24 pm

our 'to do list OEEC, reforestation sites (Middle School, YMCA, creek next to dog park (approved), Pennypack Creek at Warminster Road near apartments), water bottle filling fountain at Masons Mill Park, Do a row of shrubs along MS bioswales?, reduce the use of Roundup on public and school grounds.