

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2022

In attendance were:

Lynnette Saunders, EAC Chair
Karl Pfizenmayer, EAC
Jean Scherfcunningham, secretary EAC
Constantine Woznyj, EAC
Shawn Hopkins, EAC
Jim Morrison
Margie Repka-Peters, UM Free Public Library
Kevin Spearing, Upper Moreland Commissioner
Mark & Donna Rosenbaum

Minutes of February were approved with corrections.

Jim Morrison's name is being put forward as an EAC member next Monday at the commissioners meeting

The plastics brochure was approved and is on the township website.

We have approval to reforest area next to Dog Park. Kevin wants to have values identified of the increased trees and forest.

Faran Savitz from Penn Environment is willing to do a talk on the problems with plastic to our commissioners. It has not yet been scheduled.

Planning for Earth Day Saturday April 23, 2022

Pavillion is reserved.

DJ is reserved.

i. Audubon Society booked.

Pennypack Trust

Information on No Mow May – how to make your lawn less of an environmental impact

Willow Grove Bears will Not be there with a Food truck, looking into Old School Burgers

We can build bird feeders and a few bird houses – no more that 1 per family and must have adult helper

Dennis Cunningham could do a presentation on bees

Briar Bush will do the animal show at 11 am

Electric cars

Cheryl will bring her electric car. Jean will bring hers

Donna's son has a Tesla, and he can bring it

Shawn will update his poster about local charging stations – new charging stations at

Giant & work out a cost per mile

Jean will do a poster on pollinator plants that are commonly found in garden centers

Constantine can have information about plastic bags with a survey

Donna is willing to have a table with information about Monarch butterflies and maybe do a presentation.

Jean will bring 10 trees from North Penn High School tree sale
Free books – Nature’s Best Hope and Puddle Garden
Coloring pages
Plant milkweed?
See if we can sell plants or seeds from Pennypack
Constantine has not heard back from Septa
Trail Person from county – not sure if they are coming
Put in an invite to Nancy Guest, Madeline Dean and Maria Collett
More information on rain barrels
Puddle Garden books are here and will make list of local sources for native plants.
Run off color pages and staple some together.
Have native plant seeds with info, check Primex for native seeds.
Seeds in dried paper towels cut into shapes to give away, have seed balls.
We should work on a schedule of presentations and get it published and posted
Put on Upper Moreland News and Notes, school backpack

Arbor Day event on April 29th – Tree Planting

Plant shade tree with a sign about its benefits. Donna will talk to school about shade tree.

Outdoor Education Center. – Margie has not heard back from Ed

Middle School bioswales/ rain gardens

Sign still not ready in correct format. Reminder about planting shrubs. Do we still want to do that?

Lynnette wants a fountain at Mason’s Mill Park where you could refill a water bottle. She will present this at the CDC meeting. Margie said the one in the library was approximately one thousand dollars. Kevin might have a sponsor.

The shade tree ordinance will be presented on Monday night

We discussed having a pollinator garden at Mason’s Mill Park, plant some native plants in existing flower beds. Parks and Rec is working on this.

our ‘to do list’: OEEC, shade tree council, reforestation sites (Middle School, YMCA, creek next to dog park, Pennypack Creek at Warminster Road near apartments, water bottle filling fountain at Masons Mill Park, plant shade tree(s) in conspicuous location(s) with an educational sign on how trees affect the water cycle and clean the air, etc. (small trees near entrance of each school?) Do a row of shrubs along MS bioswales, reduce the use of Roundup on public and school grounds (try garden vinegar instead).

Adjourned at 8:34 PM