

Memorandum

To: Middletown Sustainability Committee

From: Cindy Unangst, Staff Planner

Date: March 13, 2023

RE: March Sustainability Committee meeting - Tuesday, March 21st in person and via Lifesize

Time: March 21, 2023, 05:00 PM Eastern Time

Meeting link

<https://call.lifesizecloud.com/12429552>

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Meeting discussion items:

1. February meeting minutes approval
2. Green Lecture series with library – Karen Whitehair program – Why Pollinator Gardens Matter – another huge turnout!! Next up: Anna Twigg with DNR to talk about the 5M Trees initiative – Thurs., April 20th at 6:30pm
3. Little Seed Library – Kick-off for the 2023 Gardening series – Saturday, March 25th @ 10:30am – Seed Saving & Starting Seeds Indoors
4. Outreach sub-committee report – Door hangers advertising Green Expo and Arbor Day events
5. Green Expo – Saturday, April 22nd – 10am – 2pm – good response so far; still looking for a food truck
6. Pollinator demonstration gardens – Memorial Park garden plant theft replanting; Village of Foxfield eyebrow and circle planting – plants have been ordered – planting event on Saturday, May 6th beginning at 8am; pollinator garden care schedule on Sign Up Genius;
7. Compost project – compost bins available for purchase at municipal center
8. Tree plantings – tree planting maintenance/inventory schedule (see below); Ben Fritton tree planting offer; Arbor Day tree planting will be Friday, April 28th 1-3pm – 50 trees; ~43 residents signed up for free trees; MUCFC grant of \$1,000 will be awarded; Potomac Edison paying \$10 per tree for Arbor Day event and employees will volunteer; will also have volunteers from Qiagen and Matan companies;
9. Tree trails – Bethany, forestry board member, joined us to help with tree id on Cone Branch trail; still stumped on exact species of chestnut and hickory. New trees to add to Wiles Branch tree trail – white ash and black willow.
10. Tree City USA – Cindy submitted the Tree City annual report, as well as the Growth Award application

11. Gift Tree Program – flyer boxes at Wiles Branch Park, Memorial Park and on Cone Branch Trail – please monitor as you frequent those areas; hoping to get the gift trees planted in April
12. Recycling event – the event on March 11th was a huge success – Yuck Old Paint and the Buddy Project had to leave before the event ended due to trucks being full; fall event will be held on Saturday, October 21st
13. No Idle Zone – discussion
14. Trex plastic bag collection – follow-up to Cari Wolf’s request
15. Envision Frederick hosting Green Drinks in Middletown – Wednesday, June 7th at 6:00pm – The Main Cup – topic of being a Bee City
16. April meeting date – third Tuesday – April 18th

GOALS FOR 2023:

PLANT 100 TREES IN 2023 –									
GIFT TREE PROGRAM - GOAL OF \$1000 –									
QUANTIFY/SHOW PROGRESS ON 25% CANOPY BY 2025									
HOLD GREEN EXPO -									
SUPPORT MES & MMS LOOL PROGRAM - VOLUNTEER SUPPORT -									
PROMOTE & SELL 20 COMPOSTING BINS – 5 sold									
PROMOTE & SELL 25 RAIN BARRELS (GRANT REQUEST)?									
EVALUATE & RECOMMEND STREETLIGHT BUYBACK PROGRAM TO TOWN BOARD									
CREATE 2 AC POLLINATOR MEADOW NEAR SOLAR ARRAY									
EDUCATION ON STORMWATER PERMIT PROGRAMS									

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Habitat advisor volunteers

TREE PLANTING MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

- March 14 (Tuesday) 12:30-2pm – FRO area at Wiles Branch Park**
- March 17 (Friday) 10-11:30am – FRO area at Wiles Branch Park**
- March 21 (Tuesday) 9-10:30am – inventory FRO area at Alt40/Knoll Side Lane**
- March 22 (Wednesday) 2-3:30pm – inventory FRO area at Alt 40/ Knoll Side Lane**
- March 24 (Friday) 9-10:30am – inventory FRO area at Alt 40/Knoll Side Lane**
- March 28 (Tuesday) 9-10:30am – check out shrubs at Cone Branch Pocket Park**