

## Middletown Sustainability Committee

May 21, 2019

### Meeting minutes

Attendees: Cindy Unangst, Mark Carney, Doug Martin, Jamie Moore, Sean O'Keefe

#### 1. April meeting minutes approved

#### 2. Green Expo

a. Feedback from this year's event: very windy, suspect this adversely impacted attendance, do we want to move the event to another month? Combine with Coloring in the Street again?

b. All-Shred – location behind MVB in parking lot – feedback: less shredding than in past, traffic flow confused people, early time frame was probably detrimental. Metal recycling was popular, needs more publicity next year. Paint disposal was also popular.

c. Rain barrel distribution – feedback: went well per Mark

d. Compost bin distribution – feedback: went well per Mark.

3. School Composting Program: Joe Richardson (Bar-T owner) sponsors FCPS compost program, interested in getting MES and MMS involved in the school composting program, they need a sponsor, would the sustainability committee be interested in being a sponsor/volunteering to help get program started in these schools? Looking at start date around November.

#### 4. 2019 Green Lecture Series

a. May--Master Gardener Donielle Axline presentation focusing on home stormwater management and backyard gardening in our region. 5 people attended.

b. June – Hike with ICPRB - Saturday, June 8 - 10am

c. July – Frederick Food Security Network – Library lecture and garden tour –

d. August – Recycling with Annmarie Creamer – C. Burr Artz Library - Thursday, August 1 – 6:30-7:30pm

5. Sustainable Communities application and SMC re-application (Cindy) – Cindy may need help reviewing the application, due June 30

6. Municipal Carbon Footprint inventory (Cindy) – UMD student still working on this

7. Tree canopy assessment (Cindy) – finally have maps to look at! Middletown was at 18% in 2014. What are our goals and timeframe for achieving them? How do we do the analysis to evaluate our progress?
8. Tree planting – Elm Street parking lot (Cindy), some space to plant trees or shrubs
9. Concerns over the health of the creek at Middletown park, wetland area forming, Agnesanne was planning to talk to Jerry Donald, Mark is going to talk to the park manager, Joyce was going to speak with the county sustainability committee.
9. MEA solar panel project (Cindy and Mark)
10. Streetlight buy-back program (Cindy and Mark)
11. Heritage Festival – Saturday, September 28th
12. June meeting date – third Tuesdays – June 18th