

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes from May 16, 2018

Attendees: Cindy Unangst, Ann Payne, Jamie Moore, Rick Dietrick, Mark Carney, Doug Martin, Keith Staley, Tim Coakley, Lauren Herman

1. April minutes approved
2. Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 20 (5 to 6:30 pm)
3. Green Expo:
 - a. Need to choose date for next year
 - b. Cindy reports exhibitor feedback was mostly positive. Suggestions for next year include: have signage throughout town with directional arrows to event location and include directions on event flyers (many out-of-town visitors had difficulty finding Memorial Park), hand out stickers to attendees to help get a head count, incorporate farmers market/CSA groups, healthy living presentations, old tyme games for kids, promote MHS plant sale, advertise Green Expo at MHS, have MHS FFA students help with Green Expo, set citizen goals for improving our community (like planting more trees).
 - c. All Shred collected 6,245 lbs of paper (up from 4,300 lbs last year), cost was \$330. Suggestion for next year was to ask for a small donation (\$10) from people/businesses making use of this service to help offset the cost. 90% of people arrived between 12 and 12:30, which caused a bottleneck. Some people misunderstood and thought the shredding started at 10 am and got angry when they were told it didn't start until 12. Will need to take this into consideration next year to help event run more smoothly. Goodwill and E-end – unsure how much they collected.
 - d. Green Awards – continue next year? Will need to start publicizing soon (FB page, newspapers), so people have the opportunity to take pictures of their gardens/yards during the growing season. Need more nominations for next year.
4. Next Green Talk will be May 19—Historic Preservation and Sustainability walking tour starting at Municipal Center at 11 am, rain or shine. June 2 at 5 pm will be Nature Walk with Brad Motter at Wiles Branch Park.
5. Pollinator meadow update –wild rye plugs were planted and appear to be doing well. Will need help planting wildflower plugs with Dr. Tangren at Wiles Branch Park from 1-3pm on Saturday, June 23rd.
6. MEA Energy Action Grant – nothing new...
7. Buffer in a Bag program (DNR and Potomac watershed partnership)— Cindy planted 26 bare root trees and shrubs at the storm water basin at North Pointe. Thanks, Cindy!!!

8. Cindy attended the Maryland Urban and Community Forestry Summit. She received permission to use the Tree Frederick Tree Guide as the "Tree Middletown" guide, with easy charts on how to choose the best trees and planting sites for different situations as well as profiles of suggested trees for our area. It will be available on the Green Team website. Also iTree design (online) offers help with planning tree planting sites.