

## **Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes from September 19, 2018**

Attendees: Cindy Unangst, Rick Dietrick, Doug Martin, Keith Staley,  
Ann Payne, Joyce Tuten, Mark Carney

1. August meeting minutes approved
2. Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> (5 to 6:30 pm)
3. Green Expo
  - a. Date for next year – April 27, 2019 in conjunction with Mainstreet Coloring in the Street event. Cindy thought it would be a great idea to have a couple of Green Expo banners on the poles near the event. She will look into the cost.
  - b. E-end and All Shred both available and have date reserved
  - c. Location will be along West Green Street and Garage Alley most likely
4. 2018 Year of Sustainability workshops – Green Talks!
  - a. September – Entomologist Lisa Kuder – Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 12:30-2pm - Library
  - b. October – June nature walk rescheduled for Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30pm Wiles Branch Park and tour of Brad Motter’s personal garden on Westchester Court
  - c. October--Canning and freezing vegetables, Donielle Axline, Municipal Center, 1:30 to 3 pm; Cindy will post information at Zion and contact the Middletown Moms group to get additional interest in groups that are available during the day.
  - d. November – Best Pruning Practices, Cindy Unangst at Library, green craft, vegan cooking (Lauren); Ann thought some of the holly trees at the library have been removed – Cindy will look into that; Cindy showed a couple ideas of easy crafts that could be done; Lauren is planning to make kid-friendly carrot-date balls.
5. Riparian Meadow Restoration update and signage questions (Cindy) – Cindy showed the group the proposed signage that had the most votes. She still needs to look into cost with sign companies. Also, she will contact Dr. Tangren about the riparian restoration.
6. MEA grants (Cindy) – Cindy explained that the grant funding that we were awarded is only for renewable energy grant, i.e. solar panels, wind turbines, etc. Joyce and Mark will look into what can be done with \$25,000. Cindy is working on the next grant application for FY19 funding that is only available for energy efficiency projects like the street lighting for the streetscape project that we are hoping to do. Mark told Rick that he would help with a cost analysis for the on-going discussions with Potomac Edison that have recently stalled.
7. Tree planting grant application (Cindy)—application was due September 15, \$1500 max grant, goal to increase tree canopy, plan for April planting. Ann talked about some bur oaks and American hollies that she has available for planting. Contact Boy Scouts to plant at Wiles Branch Park?
8. Green Team Action Plan revisions/Annual Report (Cindy) – report was reviewed and discussed.
9. Heritage Festival – Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – 10am-5pm. If needed, can break down early.