

APPROVED April Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

In attendance In-person and via Lifesize: Cindy Unangst, Kevin Stottlemeyer, Kristin King, Lexi Sassi, Mark Carney, Ann Payne

Meeting minutes:

1. March meeting minutes approved.
2. Green Lecture series with library – Anna Twigg with DNR to talk about the 5M Trees initiative – Thurs., April 20th at 6:30pm – Cindy will send out an email reminder; Bees 101 with Sara Gibson of the Frederick Beekeeping Association – Saturday, May 20th at 1:00pm – Cindy will not be able to attend this one.
3. Little Seed Library – Kick-off for the 2023 Gardening series – Saturday, March 25th Seed Saving & Starting Seeds Indoors – very well attended; the library will be at the Green Expo doing seed bombs; we will continue the discussion about whether to donate native seeds to the seed library; next up ‘Preparing your garden beds and when to plant specific plants’ on Saturday, April 29th at 2:00pm
4. Outreach sub-committee report – Door hangers advertising Green Expo and Arbor Day events were distributed.
5. **Green Expo** – Saturday, April 22nd – 10am – 2pm! Set-up begins at 9am; a person to do the devotional has not been determined yet, so instead we will just have Kevin read the Earth Day proclamation; Castle Hill Farm has added a raffle prize of a truckload of sheep compost which is valued at \$25 – the winner will need to pick it up at the farm; next year we might want to advertise the Expo on Homegrown Frederick and/or Local Harvest to get more farms involved; the activities for the various tables look promising; the pollinator garden table looks good; the outreach subcommittee is doing an inspiring job of energizing the displays and information. Remaining to do’s include sending out reminders/info to exhibitors, work on signage, and Lexi has agreed to take photos.
6. Pollinator demonstration gardens – Memorial Park garden plant theft replanting will be done prior to the Expo; 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 – Ann will send out to the group again.
7. Compost project – compost bins available for purchase at municipal center; community compost bin stolen again from Memorial Park – was informed that this was most likely due to driver error; a container of cooking oil was left by the compost bin and some kids took it and dumped it around the parking lot.
8. Tree plantings – tree planting maintenance/inventory schedule (see below); Ben Fritton tree planting offer – still need to talk to him about this; Arbor Day tree planting will be Friday, April 28th 1-3pm – 50 trees; 45 residents signed up for free trees; MUCFC grant of \$1,000 was 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.

