

## Memorandum

To: Middletown Sustainability Committee

From: Cindy Unangst, Staff Planner

Date: February 13, 2023

**RE: February Sustainability Committee meeting - Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> in person and via Lifesize**

**Time: February 21, 2023, 05:00 PM Eastern Time**

**Meeting link**

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

**Passcode**

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Meeting discussion items:

1. January meeting minutes approval
2. Green Lecture series with library (Ann) – Electrify Everything with Kathleen Rall and Barb Trader – huge turnout again!; Karen Whitehair program – Why Pollinator Gardens Matter - on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm
3. Outreach sub-committee report – Pollinator protection yard signs or door-hangars
4. Little Seed Library – any follow-up discussion?
5. Green Expo – Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – sent out Save-the-Date email – good response so far; still looking for a food truck
6. Bee City USA – Cindy’s been working on the annual report due at the end of the month
7. Mayor’s Monarch Pledge – we have re-pledged for this year
8. Pollinator demonstration gardens – Memorial Park garden plant theft and response; Village of Foxfield eyebrow and circle planting; pollinator garden care and watering schedule; budget of \$2,000 – spent \$1,200 in 2022.
9. Compost project – compost bins available for purchase at municipal center
10. Lunch Out Of Landfills –
11. Tree plantings – tree planting maintenance/inventory schedule (see below); Ben Fritton tree planting offer; SilvoCulture grant for fruit and nut trees - grant request was not approved; Arbor Day tree planting will be Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm – 50 trees;
12. 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.

13. Tree City USA – Cindy submitted the Tree City annual report, as well as the Growth Award application
14. 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
15. Recycling event – will look to continue program biannually with next event on March 11, 2023 which will include lithium-ion battery collection
16. No Idle Zone – discussion
17. Trex plastic bag collection – discussion and Cari Wolf’s request
18. Envision Frederick hosting Green Drinks in Middletown – Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm – The Main Cup – topic of being a Bee City
19. March meeting date – third Tuesday – March 21<sup>st</sup>

**GOALS FOR 2023:**

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

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Habitat advisor volunteers

**TREE PLANTING MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE**

- February 17 (Friday) 10-11:30am – FRO area at Wiles Branch Park**  
**February 21 (Tuesday) 9-10:30am – FRO area at Wiles Branch Park**
- March 10 (Friday) 10:30-12pm – FRO area at Alt 40/Knoll Side Lane**  
**March 14 (Tuesday) 12:30-2pm – FRO area at Alt 40/Knoll Side Lane**  
**March 17 (Friday) 10-11:30am – FRO area at Alt 40/Knoll Side Lane**