

Falls EAC Meeting April 13, 2023

Attendance

EAC members

Present: Jeannine Delwiche, David Walsh, John Bentz, Eileen Donahue, Wes Plaisted

Absent: Erik Person

Others present: Erin Mullen, John Weiss

Meeting Called to order: 7:00pm

Minutes: Mar 9, 2023 minutes were unanimously approved (4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention)

ITEM #1: PLAN REVIEWS

Team quickly looked at all plans received since last meeting

ITEM #2: FALLS TOWNSHIP RESIDENT CONCERNS

None

ITEM #3: GOAL/LOCAL EAC ACTIVITIES UPDATE

- Newtown EAC has proposed restricting single-use plastic. The ordinance would ban restaurants and businesses in the township from using single-use plastic bags; prohibit plastic straws, stirrers and utensils except upon request by the customer; and ban polystyrene food containers, plates, hot and cold beverage cups, trays and clamshells.
<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/newtown-pa/newtown-township-proposes-most-restrictive-plastics-ban-bucks>
- Middletown Township held a Rain Garden Seminar featuring guest speaker, Fred Lubnow, PhD on March 28. The purpose of this seminar was to educate and encourage residents to install rain gardens on their property.
- LMT EAC is holding a polystyrene recycling event on April 22. They are also collecting natural and synthetic corks, clean pill bottle with tops, and household batteries
<https://www.lmt.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Styrofoam-Collection-Event-Flyer-4.23.pdf>

ITEM #4: EARTH DAY 2023

April 22, 9am-noon, Snipes Farm

They will be planting potatoes, and other projects on the nature trail and the herb and children's gardens. Other activities: farm tour, learn about the life of bees, composting and more.

The Farm Market will also be open 9:30-12:30 with our freshly harvested produce, fresh eggs, honey, and more in the Big Red Barn.

They are registering volunteers.

Saturday, April 29, 11am-2pm, Core Creek Park

We do plan to have a table again at Core Creek Park.

Tomatoes and Pepper from Fairless Hills Garden Center – Eileen will call

Eileen and Jeannine will bring EZ Ups. Jeannine will bring 2nd table.

Jeannine requested from Chip Taylor again. Eileen will pick up.

Wes will look for the SLF trap

Jeannine will bring the remaining recycled paper pencils

Waste Management shared some upcycling crafts, which the council decided against using. Middletown won't be presenting anything on recycling. Jeannine was unable to find additional resources for creating a local recycling guide for Falls. The council decided not to create a kids' activity on what is recyclable.

Jeannine will print a single copy and create a QR Code to the Waste Management recycling resource documents for the table.

ITEM #5: IDEAS FOR NEWSLETTERS

- For Spring/Summer 2024:
 - Natural alternatives to insecticides
 - <https://extension.psu.edu/using-insect-and-tick-repellents-safely>

ITEM #6: MS4 CONSIDERATIONS

No updates. Council discussed removing from the agenda. Will revisit with Erik.

ITEM #7: OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Old Business

- Jeannine found a 3rd party solution that may share posts from Facebook to Instagram for \$5/month – she will see if the Supervisors want to fund.
- EAC website has been updated to reflect reorganization
- Middletown has two 8 Yard dumpsters available 24 hours/day for cardboard recycling. Shall we write a letter suggesting this be done in Falls to the Supervisors?
- Future meetings will be in the Social Security Building

New Business

- Jeannine will ask LMT EAC about the ease and success of their polystyrene recycling event

Next meeting: Thursday, May 11, at 7pm.

Jeannine will check with Rose regarding the location

ADJOURNMENT: 7:59pm