

# MEC Minutes

August 26, 2021

The meeting was called to order 7:33 pm. Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Claire Whitcomb, Chairperson.

Members:

Claire Whitcomb, Joan Maccari, Bridget Daley, Kirsten Wallenstein, Trina Malik. Liaison:  
John Hoover-Madison Borough Council

Guests:

Brian Morgan-Morris Township Environmental Commission, Charles Schacter-Morris Township Environmental Commission, Marilyn Musielski and Kathleen Caccavale, Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee

## **New and continuing business**

\* Joan reported on the progress of planning for the Eco Gardens Tour, scheduled for Sunday, September 12. The event is coming together nicely with 8 garden locations, and 4 or more tables representing green organizations and companies. Marilyn suggested that we invite Java's Compost, a company that has pickup service in Madison and a drop off location in the DPW location on John Avenue.

\* Joan was asked to send Brian Morgan the information about the Foote's Pond event which is also scheduled for September 12.

\* Suggestions for actions to submit for ANJEC awards by September 10:

Morris Township

Composter Sale

Native Plant Sale

Madison

Electric Vehicle Expo at Sunday Motors

Swap and Share Facebook Page

\* Suggestions for ANJEC Elected Official Leadership Award: Madison Mayor, Robert Conley, for his leadership in coordinating officials in nearby towns, spearheading green initiatives such as the multitown working groups and the plastic bag ban .

\*September 25 is the date of simultaneous town wide yard sales in both Madison and the Chathams.

\* For Bottle Hill Day on Saturday October 2, the MEC (Madison Environmental Commission) will share a table with Sustainable Madison and the Community Garden Apiary. The Apiary will offer honey and request donations. The MEC will give away native wildflower seeds.

\* Brand Builders Company, which supplies rain barrels and composters has put up a joint Morris Township and Madison page on their website. There was some discussion about continuing to work with Brand Builders or go with another company for the composter sale this fall. There was some consensus that Good Ideas would be a better company to work with. We will no longer provide rain barrels for these sales events.

\* Marilyn suggested that flyers for the composter sale should be handed out at the Eco-Garden Tour.

\* Trina reported that the Climate Action Plan is a regional, multitown effort. Individuals on the committee are each responsible for one chapter of the plan.

- \* A meeting took place with select MEC members and Jim Burnet to discuss the Borough's energy suppliers and how to insure sustainable sourcing.

- \* Peter continues to work with the contractor and the borough to finalize plans for carport solar at three Madison parking lots.

- \* Borough department heads will be submitting their goals. John Hoover will research environmental language in the budget process.

Upcoming TCC and Zoning Board hearings were announced, and all members encouraged to attend.

It was noted that Chris Schorr has prepared an energy bill insert with information about the Drew Forest and efforts to save it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30