

**PPA Environment Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 8.2021**  
**6:30 - 8 pm**

Mary noted that June is LGBTQIA month-

<https://www.schuylkillcenter.org/blog/celebrating-lgbtq-environmental-leaders/>

**Introductions/Approve Agenda/Like current postings Mary**

After introductions and review of Agenda, Mary asked that committee members remember to “like” Environment Committee events and announcements on Next Door and Facebook. There was a brief discussion of boosting a Facebook event for a small fee. Mary has used this tactic on occasion. Mary also requested that all documents be saved on the Google Shared Drive.

**Review of Budget and Schedule Mary**

Mary has saved the budget and the schedule of committee events on the Shared Google Drive and requested that all documents be placed in the Shared Drive.

Mary noted that she had raised \$1500 in donations from Wells Fargo this year. She has some concern that the PPA Budget is not showing this \$1500. She also noted that the 2021 grants total \$6000, with the committee still waiting to hear from the Good Neighbor Fund request for \$2000. Mary noted that the money from the MWMO Rain Garden grant will need to be tracked as per grant requirements. Lupe note 0d that these funds need to be earmarked and should not be mixed with general revenue. All committee members agreed that money raised by the Environment Committee should be spent only on committee projects. Mary would like to use some of the money in the budget for 25% by 25 lawn signs although Legacy fund money may be used. She also noted that some of the Legacy money may go to fund banners.

### **Garden Walk/Alternative Energy Source Walk (June 26) Lydia/Britt**

Lydia reported that everything seems in good shape for the walk. The map and accompanying documents have been printed including a 4 page document that describes the Prospect Park addresses that are alternative energy sites. A planning meeting is scheduled for June 16. Britt says she would like folks to drop off books at the event to build a free library. Also the PPA books will be available at her table at the 4th Street Park. (one of the walk sites). Britt noted that this initiative partners the PP garden club and the PPA Environment Committee. Mary noted she would like to send thank you notes to everyone who assists in the project and asked Lydia to send contact information for garden club participants.

### **Rain Garden Update**

The committee is still waiting on word on whether it will receive \$2000 from the Good Neighbor Fund to fund the gardens. MWMO wants this initiative to be an educational opportunity for the neighborhood. Lydia will present information about the rain garden initiative to the PPA Garden Club on June 23rd. Mary will reach out to Malik to make sure residents know about the Glendale Rain Garden project. Britt will coordinate with Malik regarding pop up events that promote electric bikes and scooters. She will tie education about the rain garden into the events. Mary noted that the education must be rain garden related and that the committee needs to sign up volunteers from the community to plant the gardens when they are dug. Mary also noted that the grant requires data gathering and she would like to hire someone for 20 hours of work to help set up a data collecting system.

### **Tree Planting with U of M Forestry**

### **NNO- August 3rd**

### **25% by 2025 Initiative**

### **Storm Drain Adoption Push**

**Announcements for next PPA Newsletter**

**Next Meeting - Tuesday July 13th**