

Minutes from Glen Echo Environmental Committee
December 4, 2019
Held in Glen Echo Town Hall

Attendees: Speke Wilson, Patty Sieber, Susan Grigsby, Beth Boa, Holly Shimizu

- 1) Welcome and thanks to Town Clerk Beth Boa for her support and interest in the Glen Echo Environmental Committee (GEEC)
- 2) Welcome and thanks to Patty Sieber for her interest and attendance at our meeting
- 3) Update on Bird and Butterfly Garden
 - will plant in spring, will be done as a community event
 - donations are needed, listed in The Echo
 - garden is being done with native plants along with pollinator attracting annuals
- 4) Discussion of right-of-way longer term plans
 - Robin Kogelnik and Speke Wilson are leading our effort, Tim Bragan will assist if needed
 - Holly will arrange to have Jeffrey Poppf come and speak with us, he manages grants for Chesapeake Bay Trust, they manage grants for Montgomery County
 - Holly will ask Ana Rasmussen to come and speak with us about Bannockburn's storm water management grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust
 - we are getting some soil tests done to analyze the soil currently in the right of way
- 5) Discussion on Sustainable Maryland
 - Beth is willing to handle the online data management for this
 - Speke suggests that we create a fun kind of competition with nearby towns, Cabin John and others
 - Beth and Holly will arrange for Mike Hunninghake to come and speak with us about our certification as a sustainable Maryland Town (He heads the program)

-Beth and Holly will work on necessary steps to join Tree City, Glen Echo would need a Tree Ordinance in place

6) ideas for speakers or workshop presenters

- Paul Tukey, head of Sustainability for Glen Stone, Holly will ask him
- Alec Graham will contact the head of Conservation at Audubon
- we want programs on rain/conservation gardens, permeable paving, composting, Planning your Gardening Year, Chesapeake Bay Certification for home gardens, storm water management for Glen Echo, Solar Power for Glen Echo residents

7) Chesapeake Bay Certification for residential gardens

- Robin and Holly are going to look into this and may decide to get their own garden's certified
- this would make a good article for The Echo

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