

To: Cindy Wilcox, Municipal Development

**EARTHDAY COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

3/18/92

5:00 P.M.

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Hal Kaplan, Principal Lawrence School, Ross Page, Recycling Council, Raymond Hale, Middlesex Community College, Stan Watson, Urban Forestry Commission, Kim O'Rourke, Recycling Coordinator, Krishna Winston, Recycling Council, Warren Hamelin, Recycling Volunteer

**URBAN FORESTRY CEREMONY:** Stan discussed the Arbor Day Ceremony to be organized by the Urban Forestry Commission. He said the event, which will probably be short, will be held sometime Friday, April 24th in the afternoon. Depending on how far along the process is, they may be able to plant a tree to mark the day.

**RAVINE PARK CLEAN UP:** Kim spoke with the Dept. of Park & Recreation, who said they were pleased to hear of the activity and were willing to supply most tools and materials needed. The only thing they can not supply is gloves. Kim will check with Public Works regarding the gloves. She will also get the word out to community groups and schools to recruit volunteers. She will also check to see if we would be able to get refreshments donated. Warren thought he might be able to help on this. It was decided to start the cleanup officially at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 25th and to have an "optional" clean up/socializing hour at 9 a.m.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION HIKES:** Cindy had reported that the Commission was willing to organize hikes on the new open space parcels. She had also written a letter to the Transit District to see if the trolley would be available.

**ACTIVITIES AT MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE:** Raymond Hale discussed the possible activities at MCC. He was hoping to have some kind of educational display on residential waste. In the future, he would like to organize a clean up to show off the college's nature trail.

**WASTE REDUCTION EXHIBIT:** Stan said he would get the Girl Scouts to make posters to be displayed at City Hall. Members of the Recycling Council said they would meet next Wednesday to work out the details of the Waste Reduction Exhibit.

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Hal Kaplan said he would be happy to forward Earth Day information to all the elementary schools. He announced a new, innovative idea for the Lawrence School students. He explained the proposal as an opportunity for students to "contract" with the School to perform certain tasks to help save the Earth. The contract would be reviewed and adjusted each year. Hal was hoping to initiate this program soon and discuss it further, along with Earth Day, in the next edition of his school newspaper.

**TREE PLANTINGS:** Stan said that the Garden Club was meeting tonight to vote on donating tree tubes to Earth Day. He thought it might work best to have the tree tubes at City Hall on Saturday, April 24th. Children could be told at school, if they wanted, they can come to City Hall on Saturday and collect a tree tube and plant the tree then.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 25th at 5:00 p.m., mainly to discuss the Waste Reduction Exhibit.

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AGENDA

I. ACTIVITIES

1. Urban Forestry Ceremony - Cindy Wilcox
2. Ravine Park Clean Up - Kim/Cindy
3. Conservation Commission Hikes - Cindy
4. Waste Reduction Exhibit - Ross/Krishna
5. Elementary Schools - Hal Kaplan  
Tree Plantings
6. Miscellaneous Activities

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III. OTHER

Cindy-  
This is a draft.  
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Suggestions, etc...  
I got the Council  
Chambers for Wed.  
Night.  
Also, (need to get  
Stan & Bruce's  
phone #'s  
Thank  
& hope you're feeling  
better!  
Kim