

Environmental Stewardship Team Minutes
October 2025

Attendance: Pastor Brian, Sandy, Linda, and Cory
Started: 5:00 Ended: 5:50

Chemical alternatives for lawn care at St. John- Cory was supposed to reach out to Wapsie Pines to ask about the options for keeping weeds out of the lawn. I ran out of time to get that done in September. I will try again before the next meeting. It was carefully stressed to me that we do not want to upset Wapsie Pines. They are awesome community partners and their gift of lawn care is greatly appreciated. I will be asking Wapsie Pines as myself and I will not refer to St. John at all in my conversation with them. I will collect any information and bring that back to the team for further discussion. I will also ask about what they do with the empty tree pots once they plant a tree. I will see what sizes they might have available.

Ginkgo Tree- Cory talked with Larry about the ginkgo tree. Larry was supportive of the grass removal. Rock can be laid down over weed blocking fabric around the ginko. Larry said that if someone did that and organized it they would reimburse the person who paid for the rock. Cory will ask Chris Geerts or Jerry if they have a truck to use to get rock and to head that up for St. John.

Pots for Planters- Wapsi Pines will get back to Linda about the size of the pots they might have available. Cory might need to touch base when calling the Pines about better environmental ingredients.

Pollinator Questions- Cory will ask Larry about the area near the road on 8th street. He might be able to direct us to who can tell us about the legality of adding a narrow pollinator garden.

Eco Friendly Hanger Boxes- Linda will order one set of hanger boxes and plastic bags. We will put in the Happenings that we will supply St. John Members who want to take a box to fill and then take the full box to the Dry Cleaners to be recycled.

New Business- Linda and Sandy will look into reusable coffee mugs for a fundraiser for the Environmental Stewardship Team. We will put in another message in the Happenings about Shoes and recruitment.

Next Meeting: November 18th, 5:00 pm at St. John Lutheran