



**EAC Meeting Minutes
2/1/24**

Call to Order

The February meeting of the EAC was called to order at 7:00pm

Attendance

Those committee members in attendance were:

Barbara Mako, Charlene Briggs, Donna Delany, Drew Wallace, Kathy McDevitt, Rachel McKay.

Presentations

Healthy Yard Recognition Signs were awarded to Diane Kucinski and James Scaperotto.

Robert McMillen of the Purple Martin Conservation Association gave a talk on setting up a purple martin house. The numbers of these insect-eating birds have been falling dramatically in the past few decades. The area by the pond in front of the township building is ideal for a purple martin house. Donna will check with the PA Game Commission to see if they would install a box and educational signage for free. The box requires weekly maintenance during nesting season.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Donna to approve the December minutes; second by Rachel. The motion carries unanimously.

Old Business

PA Natural Heritage Talk – Rachel volunteered to investigate the species that live in our designated areas. The next step would be passing species and care information along to people who live in these areas.

Pollinator Pitstop Coreopsis lanceolata Seed Giveaway – it's going well!

Review of Natural Lands Mowing Talk – Dave Weber made a video, which he will share with anyone interested. Next step – meet with Mike Hogga to learn his meadow mowing philosophy.

Review of WV owned lands drive around – we ran out of time to discuss this; will discuss next month. Since Open Space money can be used to maintain these lands, perhaps it could be used to pay for Natural Lands to create management plans.

New Business

Subdivisions and Variance Requests – none; Manager's Report – none

Nature Club – Donna made a motion to hold a Nature Club event on March 2 from 9-11:30 at Opanie Park to care for the tree tube planting and remove nearby invasives, second Rachel, the motion passed unanimously.

Botanical Sanctuary – Donna made a motion that Charlene pursue development of a UPS botanical sanctuary of native medicinal plants at Opanie Park. Kathy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Book Club – Charlene will bring nettle tea, Donna and Barb will bring other refreshments.



Pollinator Pitstop – whorled coreopsis seeds are cold stratifying, will be ready to plant in pots March 1.

Bird Town – Rachel made a motion to hold a Woodcock Walk at Opalanie Park at 6:45pm on March 15 with a rain date of the 16th, Donna seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Rachel has successfully completed and submitted the annual 2023 Bird Town report.

Lawn to Meadow Program – Barbara is still working on it.

Motion to Dismiss was made by Rachel at 9:10, Donna seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Future Dates:

- Book club – Feb.12, 7pm
- Great Backyard Bird Count – Feb 16-19
- PA EAC Online Conference – Feb 24
- Nature Club Tree Care – March 2/3, 9-11:30 am, Opalanie Park
- Woodcock Walk – March 15/16, 6:45pm, Opalanie Park

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Delany

