



**EAC Meeting Minutes
4/4/24**

Call to Order

The April meeting of the EAC was called to order at 7:06pm

Attendance

Those committee members in attendance were:

Barbara Mako, Carys Egan, Charlene Briggs, Donna Delany, Drew Wallace, Kathy McDevitt, Rachel McKay, Dana Alan, Supervisor Liaison

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Donna to approve the March minutes; second by Barbara. The motion carries unanimously.

- Subdivisions/Variance Applications –
 - It appears that the lot line change on Westover does not have environmental implications
- Request addition of Natural Heritage Areas to Open Space rankings –
 - The EAC requests that the Open Space Review Board add PA Natural Heritage Areas to ranking system, adding extra importance to preserving properties in these sensitive areas
 - Motion made by Donna, second Carys – passed unanimously
- Nature Club
 - Next Invasive removal event to be held along the Weatherstone Trail on June 22nd/rain date 23 @ 10am
 - Forest Stewardship Class – Carys made a motion that we invite James Scaperotto to lead a forest stewardship class, Charlene seconded, passed unanimously
- Foraging Weed Walk – Charlene is all set to go
- Lawn to meadow – Barbara is still working on getting replies from DCNR and the pipeline company
- Book Club – Braiding Sweetgrass was chosen as the next book. Carys will coordinate with the library, with the goal of announcing it in time for people to read the book over the summer, and then holding the book discussion at the Township Building on an evening in September.
- Mt Cuba Tour – Carys is collecting names.
- Healthy Yard/Garden Club – we will plan to give away the 250 Coreopsis lanceolata seedlings on May 19 at the foraging event, as long as the seedlings are big enough by then.
 - Kathy reported that the library is planning to have a plant swap. She will provide them with information on our Pollinator Pitstop Program to display at the event. It may also be on May 19.
- Bird Town – even though the woodcocks did not display, the woodcock walk was a success, as people enjoyed being together as the sun set in Opalanie Park.
 - Rachel will suggest a May date for our next bird walk to see migrating warblers
 - Donna is still working on creating a predator resistant bluebird house video by Jim Moffett, French & Pickering's Preserve Manager.
- Dark skies ordinance – discussion postponed until next month
- Review Opalanie Master Plan – Dana reviewed the current draft of the plan for Opalanie Park improvements. The deer fence needs to be added to the plan.

Motion to Dismiss was made by Rachel at 9:05, Carys seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Future Dates:

- April 6, 9am – 11:30am, Rain date April 7, Wild Tree Care, Opalanie Park, 1422 St. Matthews Rd., Chester Springs, PA 19425
- May Warbler Walk – date tbd
- May 19, 2-3:30, Foraging Weed Walk, Opalanie Park plus possible coreopsis giveaway.
- June 1 – Mt Cuba tour – meet in Township Building parking lot at 9am or Mt. Cuba at 10:15am, 3120 Barley Mill Road, Hockessin, DE 19707
- June 22, 10am – Wild Tree Care – Weatherstone Trail – rain date June 23
- September – next Book Club meeting -Braiding Sweetgrass – date tbd

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Delany

