



EAC Meeting Minutes
6/7/24

Call to Order

The June meeting of the EAC was called to order at 7:02pm

Attendance

Those committee members in attendance were:

Carys Egan, Charlene Briggs, Donna Delany, Drew Wallace, Kathy McDevitt, Rachel McKay.

Barbara Mako participated by phone but did not vote.

Dana Alan, Supervisor Liaison

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Donna to approve the April minutes; second by Carys. The motion carries unanimously.

Old Business

- Mt. Cuba Tour – a success, attendees learned a lot and want to do another tour
 - Carys made a motion to host a tour at Stoneleigh in September, Rachel 2nd, all in favor
- Coreopsis giveaway
 - Another huge plant giveaway success. 8 plants left out of 250. Pollinators are happy all over West Vincent.
- Foraging Walk – a success – we connected with many new people
 - Charlene made a motion to host another foraging walk in October at Opalanie Park, Donna 2nd, all in favor
- Warbler Walk – a success, we connected with many new people – learned that hosting evening walks in addition to morning walks connects us with different people
- Natural Heritage Areas – as per our request from May, the Open Space Review Board has added Natural Heritage Status to its ranking system to evaluate properties under consideration for preservation

New Business

- Manager's Report & Subdivisions/Variance Applications – nothing new
- Nature Club –
 - we will try sending a postcard to Weatherstone residents to inform them about our upcoming event on June 22
- Lawn to meadow –
 - Barbara reported that she is working through the process of pipeline permission for Evans Park. We discussed starting a demo meadow behind the community garden using Drew's 100' x 20' tarp to solarize the area. August would be an ideal time. Two residents of Renew Apartments came to express their wish for the large mown area between the apartments and firehouse to be turned into a meadow. Part of this is a stormwater basin owned by the apartment complex. The rest is owned by Bucks County Sewer and Water. In the meantime, we suggested planting a pollinator pitstop, starting in the fall with a lasagna method prep.
- Book Club –
 - Carys will connect with the library and begin to promote the Book Club.
- Healthy Yard/Garden Club –

- Lower Merion Township wants to use our Healthy Yard program, Donna meeting with them next week.
 - Aspiration – garden tour next summer
- Bird Town –
 - It was suggested that we need more signs to put up around township roads. Donna will check the price.
 - Rachel – kestrel eggs are gone, she will install a guard for future broods
- Botanical Sanctuary –
 - next step – Charlene is selecting the best site in Opalanie Park

Comments from attendees

We should create a list of all the wonderful steps West Vincent has taken to protect the environment, collect them on the township website for safe keeping, and use them when connecting with the public and advertising our initiatives

We should follow up on Carys’s idea for 7 Natural Wonders of West Vincent and 7 Historical Wonders of West Vincent.

A welcome packet for new residents could inform them of the wonderful place they have moved into and inspire them to get involved.

Motion to Dismiss was made by Carys at 8:30, Charlene seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Future Dates:

- June 22, 10am – Wild Tree Care – Weatherstone Trail – rain date June 23
- September 9, 7-8:30pm – Nature Book Club meeting -Braiding Sweetgrass – at the West Vincent Township Building

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Delany

