



**EAC Meeting Minutes**  
**8/1/24**

**Call to Order**

The August meeting of the EAC was called to order at 7:05pm

**Attendance**

Those committee members in attendance were:

Barbara Mako, Donna Delany, Drew Wallace, Kathy McDevitt, Rachel McKay.  
Dana Alan, Supervisor Liaison

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

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

Presentation of a Healthy Yard Recognition sign to Dawn Fryer. Her family took the Healthy Yard Questionnaire and scored more than enough points for Healthy Yard recognition. Thanks and congratulations to Dawn.

**New Business**

- Manager's Report – no report, other than budget is due
  - After discussion, Kathy made a motion that we request a 2025 budget of \$2500. Donna seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Subdivisions/Variance Applications – nothing new
- Book Club
  - Carys is coordinating with the library
- Review of Weatherstone Trail Nature activity
  - It is hard to evaluate the effectiveness of the postcard we sent to Weatherstone residents to inform them about our event on June 22, because the unexpectedly high heat could have prevented people from attending. Ideas:
    - Try a new name – Weed Busters
    - Make sure to define “weed” – plant growing in the wrong place
    - Try giving out tee shirts, hats, hoagies, etc. We will create an icon based on the Ghostbusters icon. Will ask student Dana knows who wants to help.
    - Concentrate on one weed. Could deflect attention away from poison ivy. Would be good if it was a weed that could be used, e.g. EAT garlic mustard, DECORATE with bittersweet.
    - Drew and Dave Weber will make short inspirational videos on invasive id and removal; Drew will post on Bird Town Facebook page and we will share to other pages
    - Drew will check with Wawa to see if they would donate hoagies to Weed Busters and to ask if they would have an interest in sponsoring the shirt/hat. Dana will share the contact info for the Wawa manager with Drew.
    - We will schedule a Weed Busters event at Opalanie Park on Sept. Sept 21, raindate Sept 22, 9-11:30am. We will concentrate on Oriental Bittersweet. We will show successful photos of how good it looks when invasives are removed.
- Stoneleigh Tour – Carys is managing this event

- Bird Town
  - We are waiting to hear if we are chosen by the Game Commission for installation of a purple martin condo and a chimney swift tower.
  - We discussed installing the tower on our own. Carys has friends who will help. Drew has a design for a plywood tower. The tower could be built over the winter and installed in the spring. Kathy will look into Scouts who might want to take this on as their Eagle Scout project.
  - We will order two additional Bird Town signs to be placed along the road as you enter our township!
- Discussion of possible future activities and events
  - Donna met a gardener who teaches live stake propagation. We discussed that this would be a good educational event to hold in March. We would need to pick species to propagate. Red twig dogwood and elderberry were discussed. We will finalize plans in January.
- Lawn to meadow
  - Barbara reported that she has been studying the spot we picked in Evans Park. Judging by the farm fields across the street, she believes we will be able to plant a meadow that will be large enough to be of value and educational for our residents, one that we can base a municipal lawn to meadow program on, while still leaving the pipeline area all grass. She will investigate the municipal grant:
    - When are the grants distributed
    - Is there a minimum size
    - Can a municipality use the money to create its own meadow
- Botanical Sanctuary
  - Charlene is selecting the best site in Opalanie Park. We then need to coordinate with Park and Rec and Ed Theurkauf.
- Report from our Supervisor Liaison
  - Dana reported that Ed Theurkauf has taken over the design of Opalanie Park. He is interested in using our Pollinator Pitstop design in 2 places. We need a final metal sign. After discussing, we decided a good size would be 24x18 vertical. We will send our ideas to a student Dana knows who wants to help with graphic design.

Motion to Dismiss was made by Donna at 8:40, Kathy 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
- Sept 21, Weed Busters, raindate Sept 22, 9-11:30am
- Oct. 5, PA EAC Fall Gathering, Temple U, Ambler Campus

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Delany

