



EAC Meeting Minutes
9/5/24

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

Attendance

Those committee members in attendance were:

Barbara Mako, Carys Egan, Charlene Briggs, Donna Delany, Drew Wallace, Kathy McDevitt.

Dana Alan, Supervisor Liaison

Bernie Couris, Supervisor

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Announcement – The EAC October meeting date is changed to Oct. 10, 7pm. Our original date fell on Rosh Hashanah.

New Business

- Manager's Report – none
- Subdivisions/Variance Applications – nothing new
- Book Club
 - Carys is ready for Monday!
- Healthy Yard
 - We discussed highlighting one healthy yard topic each month. This month, we will start with lights out for birds. Donna will write it up.
- Nature Club
 - We decided we need a positive saying –
Motion – Donna made a motion we use the term Nature Tenders for our Nature care activities. Carys seconded, all in favor.
Donna will work to get an icon – hand holding trees - and hats before our next event on Sept. 21. Drew has contacted Wawa about hoagies. Donna will create and share an event in social media, through our email list, and will connect with OJR, OJR National Honor Society and Leo club, scouts, etc.
Motion – Donna made a motion that we use money from our budget to get 20-30 hats made with the Nature Tenders icon, Kathy seconded, passed unanimously
- Bird Town
 - Checks signed for 2 new Bird Town street signs!
 - If we are not chosen by the Game Commission to receive a chimney swift tower for Opalanie Park, Kathy's husband will construct one, hopefully with the help of scouts.
 - Donna will check with the Game Commission to see when they will decide if we will receive the purple martin condo for Evans Park and chimney swift tower for Opalanie.
- Discussion of possible future activities and events

- Live stake propagation in March – we discussed that we can lead this spring workshop ourselves and not have to pay an outside teacher.
- Drew found out about a free tree giveaway. He will order 5 species of trees for us to give away to residents this fall.
- Dana told us the Dame Juliana League was going to plant 1500 trees in the riparian buffer at Wilson’s Corner and Cooks Glen. Now, they do not have the manpower to do the planting, but they are offering us the trees.
 - Step 1 – EAC members will go to these two spots and evaluate what help the riparian buffers need. Perhaps deer exclosures would work better than planting trees.
- Lawn to meadow
 - Barbara is continuing to look into the municipal C2P2 grant
 - Donna will check with Jim Wendelgass to see if he has new insights into pipeline relationships
 - Dana said the township staff should be able to fill out the grant application, which is beyond the scope of the EAC members
- Botanical Sanctuary
 - Charlene found an ideal spot in Opalanie Park, right next to the outdoor classroom. Hoping to get a fence and gate. Carys can help with a carved wooden sign for over the entrance.
 - Charlene will coordinate with Ed Theurkauf.
 - Motion – Donna made a motion that the EAC spend up to \$300 from our budget if the Plant Savers grant does not cover the full cost of the plants. Barbara seconded, it passed unanimously.
- EAC webpage, Newsletter article due Sept. 15
 - Kathy will write a newsletter article about what the EAC is and what we do; Donna will back her up
 - Charlene will check out our webpage and see if they need updating. She will offer her latest article for posting on our page
 - We should let people know about how to deal with the recent spraying of our state roads with pesticide performed by PennDot. Bernie Couris is working with PennDot to minimize future damage. We could let people know they can sign up for the USDA chemical sensitivity list and that they can put up No Spray Signs.
- EAC Fall Gathering
 - Donna and Charlene wish to attend.
 - Donna will contact the Sustainability Committee and CETT to see if they want to attend
- Report from our Supervisors
 - Bernie Couris states that the water in the township building is now potable! New water system in place and functioning.
 - Would it be possible for our township to write an ordinance banning spraying of pesticides by PECO, PennDot, etc. Or at least they must give notice or allow other measures of plant control? (No, they cannot)

Motion to Dismiss was made by Donna at 8:31, Kathy seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Future Dates:



- September 9, 7-8:30pm – Nature Book Club meeting -Braiding Sweetgrass – at the West Vincent Township Building
- Sept 21, Nature Tenders, raindate Sept 22, 9-11:30am, Opalanie Park
- Oct. 5, PA EAC Fall Gathering, Temple U, Ambler Campus
- Oct. 10, 7pm – next EAC meeting

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Delany

