



EAC Meeting Minutes
11/8/24

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

Committee Attendance

Those committee members in attendance were:

Barbara Mako, Carys Egan, Charlene Briggs, Donna Delany, Rachel McKay
Dana Alan, Supervisor Liaison

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Manager's Report – none

Subdivision/Variance Applications - None

New Business

- The Westtown EAC zoomed with Donna. They are interested in using our Healthy Yard Program. They are just beginning the process.
- 2025 Educational Presentations and timing
 - ASAP – Lansdale EAC to come to an EAC meeting or Zoom to discuss their successful meadow conversion
 - February – winter sowing seed giveaway – Feb. or when appropriate for the plant we choose
 - March – good time for Laura Cruz talk as a special presentation
 - May – Medicinal plants at Opanie Botanical Sanctuary
 - May 3 – plant giveaway at Community Day
 - July – Healthy Yard Garden Tour
 - Possible other presentations – rain gardens/stormwater mgmt; meadows by Miller Road resident or Refugia, the company that installed the Miller Road meadow; propagating plants;
- WV Riparian Buffers & Dame Juliana – discussion postponed
- EAC Webpage Review
 - Need to put resources back – Elisabeta will send us the old list, Donna will send around for review, we will ask the township to post
 - Remove Phila Flower Show 2022 link
 - We should find ways to encourage people to go to the webpage
- Nature Club
 - Make an intention to connect and communicate with Park & Rec
 - Review of Nature Tenders event – a big success, good volunteer turnout, 4 OJR students, we want to thank Wawa for the food.

- What's next? We scheduled our next Opalanie Park Nature Tenders event for Nov. 16, 9am, rain date of the 17th. Goals
 - Pound in stakes from last time farther
 - Put 2B stone from road crew around some of the trees and weed whack a circle around them trees. Recently, there has been extensive mowing around the tree tube area. Barbara does not feel more mowing is necessary.
 - Cage trees that need tree tube replacement.
 - Plant some more trees to replace missing ones if Drew has trees left.
 - Remove invasives from meadow
 - Remove invasives from area if enough volunteers
 - MOTION – Carys made a motion that Barbara purchase appropriate fencing, stakes, and staples to cage the trees that need it, spending no more than \$250. Donna seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Hats should be ready in time!
 - Lawn to Meadow
 - We discussed the option to spend Open Space maintenance money.
 - MOTION: Donna made a motion that we recommend to the township that they should do the following maintenance on township owned land:
 - Meadow conversion corner of Rt. 401 and Pinehurst Rd., removing Bradford Pear invasion
 - Meadow conversion along the pipeline and in the SW corner of Evans Park
 - Installation and maintenance of a Pollinator Pitstop garden under or near the Opalanie Park entrance sign.
 - Remove invasives in Opalanie Park, beginning around the Botanical Sanctuary, inbetween the sanctuary and the trail, and in the area where the blue Bryn Coed trail meets the Opalanie Trail.
 - Carys seconded, the motion passed unanimously
 - Botanical Sanctuary – we received the \$500 grant from United Plant Savers! The area has been cleared by the road crew – thank you! Deer fence materials list sent to township. Just waiting for deer fence installation and rain to order and plant plants. Next, we can apply to be members of the Botanical Sanctuary Network and be put on their national map. We can also become United Plant Savers Partners in Education.
 - Pollinator Pitstop
 - Postponed selection of a 2025 plant; need to get the seeds in time for winter sowing seed giveaway
 - Birdtown – chimney swift tower discussion postponed; we will advertise to help find people to care for Camphill purple martin community.
 - Electronic signs – the EAC recommends that the new electronic sign permissions state no animation; no larger than Wawa/Sunoco; limited to Ludwig's Corner area; protected from above so that light does not go up into the sky to confuse birds; have a designated shut off time; have a brightness limit.
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Motion to Dismiss was made by Donna at 8:52, Carys seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Future Dates



Nov. 16/17 – 9am – Nature Tenders, Opalanie Park
Elementary School Earth Day – to be scheduled
April 26 – Shredding Event
May 3, Community Day, Opalanie Park

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Delany

