



**EAC Meeting Minutes
3/6/2025**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

Committee Attendance

Those committee members in attendance were:

Barbara Mako, Donna Delany, Carys Egan, Sean Clark, Kathy McDevitt, Drew Wallace

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Donna to approve the Jan. minutes; second by Sean. The motion carries unanimously.

Manager's Report – none

Awarded Healthy Yard Recognition and sign to Holly Decovny

Subdivision/Variance Applications – Pottstown-Kimberton Conditional Use - Upon review of the plan, the Eac recommends that all township ordinances are followed, especially with regards to buffer planting of native plants, stormwater management, and impervious coverage.

New Business

- Stroud Winter Salt Watch – we discussed the Stroud presentation on the results of the Winter Salt Watch and the dangers of excess salt on roads; the damage to plants, wildlife, groundwater, infrastructure, and people. We discussed how 3 spots in West Vincent were among the best in the county, while the one spot, off of Fellowship Road, had a higher salt concentration. It was discussed again that we should find a way to let the HOA of this small development know that they may have a large salt run off, although the salt could be coming mostly from Fellowship Road, TC Energy, and Byers Station. The streams around Byers Station all scored badly with high salt concentration. Volunteers from the Stroud group intend to let Byers Station know. If Byers Station improves their salt dispersal, that may help the stream in W. Vincent. The Stroud presentation taught about methods to salt roads and keep them safe while doing less harm to streams.
- HOA Connections – as we discussed last month, our HOA Engagement plan is a 3 step process
 - First, make a list of all developments – Dana has made progress on this
 - Second, see if we know someone in each development already – Donna will email to the EAC members the current list of HOA's in WV.
 - EAC members will report back if they know 1) of any HOA's that are not on the list and 2) if they know anyone in one of the HOA's that might want to participate in connecting with the EAC
 - Third, create a contact list and create and maintain a relationship with each development
- Nature Tenders
 - After discussion, Donna made a motion that – in order to receive a Nature Tenders hat – West Vincent residents need to have participated in 3 Nature Tenders events. Sean seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - We are all set for our Live Stake Planting Event.
 - The tree tubes at Opalanie Park need maintenance. Barbara made a motion to hold a Nature Tenders event on April 5 from 10-12:30 with a rain date of April 6. The motion carried unanimously.



- Chester County Lawn to Meadow conversion –
 - The flags to mark the pipelines and easements were all placed and Chester County representatives came out and plotted them on a map using gps. We now have a map with those areas marked.
 - Donna will email township employees and the Park & Rec committee to receive input from all concerned on where the meadow should and shouldn't be located.
 - We will draw the agreed-upon area for the meadow on the map and send to the county for approval and funding.
- Elementary School Earth Day project – May 15 and rain date May 22 - we discussed participating, but possibly only Donna is available that day. Sean and Kathy will check on their availability, and we will decide next month. Mosquito dunks would be a fun project.
- Bug Walks

Carl suggested the following dates and we will continue to plan as the time gets closer

 - June 28 for fireflies along Weatherstone trail –
 - Need to find out if there are usually many fireflies there and if we could have temporary parking along Pinehurst Drive for the event.
 - July 26 for native bees in Evans Park,
 - Sept 6 for macroinvertebrates at Wilsons Corner or _____.
- Botanical Sanctuary – nothing new
- Healthy Yard
 - 2 new healthy yard recognition recipients this month!
 - PECO comes to our township every 4 years to manage vegetation that could harm electric transmission. PECO does not have a public service announcement to let residents know their rights with cutting and spraying of vegetation. This is because each scenario is unique. Although they assured our township manager that they would not be spraying this time, they do use a combination of cutting and spraying.
 - We will ask Rachel Griffith at the upcoming NCC-EAC meeting if any township has created an ordinance that prevents herbicide applications by outside agencies such as Peco and Penn Dot or at least requires notification of the township manager and residents with chemical sensitivities. Donna has asked Bird Town and is waiting to hear back.
- Mt. Cuba Center tour when the trillium are in bloom – Donna made a motion that Carys look into and schedule a tour at Mt. Cuba Center when the trillium are in bloom, Carys seconded, the motion passed unanimously
- Pollinator Pitstop Program
 - We are all ready for the Garden Talk and Seed Giveaway March 11, 2025
- Birdtown
 - We are all ready for the Woodcock Walk
- Nature Book Club – to be discussed later
- Stormwater Management
 - Raingarden talk

Healthy Yard Recipient Holly will look into what it would take to have a seed swap this year.

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



Future Dates

March 11 - Pollinator Pitstop Garden Talk - The art of gardening with native perennials, by Laura Cruz talk and wild bergamot seed giveaway, Township Building, 7pm

March 14 – Woodcock Walk – Opalanie Park, 6:30 – March 15 rain date

March 30 -9-11:30am @ Opalanie Park – Get To Know Your Park Hike

April 5, Nature Tender tree care @Opalanie Park, 10-12:30, rain date April 6

April 12 NCC-EAC, 9am, Backyard Nature Preserve

April 24 – Raingardens – Paul Rossone –

April 26 – 10am – Mt. Cuba Tour to see the trilliums in bloom

May 15 - Elementary School Earth Day – rain date May 22 – mosquito dunks?

Tentative 2025 Event Schedule

- May – Wild Bergamot plant giveaway
- May – Medicinal plants at Opalanie Botanical Sanctuary
- July – Healthy Yard Garden Tour
- Possible other presentations – meadows by Miller Road resident or Refugia, the company that installed the Miller Road meadow; riparian buffer talk
- Healthy Yard Activities
- Bird Walks
- Nature Tenders activities: invasive removal, tree tube care, invasive foraging

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Delany

