



**EAC Meeting Minutes  
4/3/2025**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm

**Committee Attendance**

Those committee members in attendance were:

Barbara Mako, Donna Delany, Drew Wallace, Kathy McDevitt, Rachel McKay, Sean Clark

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

MOTION by Donna to approve the March minutes; second by Barb. The motion carries unanimously.

**Manager's Report – none**

**Subdivision/Variance Applications – nothing new**

**New Business**

- HOA Connections – we will continue to make our list, with possible help from the county.
- Nature Tenders –
  - We completed and filed our application for the Chester County Lawn to Meadow Conversion Program, with help from new township manager, Tommy!
  - Nature Tenders event on April 5 will focus on fixing and replacing tree tubes and removing invasives from the tree tube area.
  - Opalanie Mowing Schedule – we discussed again the best management practice to mow the meadow areas of the park to discourage invasive plants while also providing winter cover and protecting ground-nesting birds, pollinators, native plants, and Monarch butterflies. We agreed that the ideal would be to mow half of the fields in November, then the other half that had not been mown yet the next November. We discussed fox hunting in the park, and agreed it should not be permitted when the ground nesting birds have started building their nests. Rachel will check on the timing.
  - Kathy will look into reusable name tags that we could wear for events so that people could identify us
  - The live stake planting area around the pond was not staked off, and it needs to be. Donna will check on it.
  - Elementary School Earth Day Celebration – no one is available except Donna, so we will skip it this year.
- Healthy Yard
  - Donna made a motion that the First Annual Healthy Yard Garden Tour would be held on July 19 from 9-noon with a raindate of July 20. Kathy seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The first step would be contacting our healthy yard recipients to see if they would be interested in participating.
  - 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.

- Pollinator Pitstop Program
  - The Garden Talk and Seed Giveaway scheduled on March 11, 2025 was cancelled due to the speaker's family emergency.
  - Donna made a motion to hold a Native Plant Swap and Pollinator Pitstop Plant giveaway run by Holly, hopefully with Kathy's help, at Opalanie Park on May 10 from 9am-noon with a rain date of May 11. Barbara seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Birdtown
  - Rachel will look for a good time to schedule our next bird walk

Updates From Other Committees – none

Public Comment – Jim Haigney, an engineer for Pothouse-Kimberton Conditional Use, gave us maps of the proposed construction and reported that they will need to cut down many trees.

Motion to Dismiss was made by Donna at 8:14, Barbara seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

#### Future Dates

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 10 – Native Plant Swap and Pollinator Pitstop Plant Giveaway – 9am - noon – Opalanie Park, rain date May 11

July 19 – Healthy Yard Garden Tour, 9am – noon, rain date July 20

#### Tentative 2025 Event Schedule

- May – Medicinal plants at Opalanie Botanical Sanctuary
- 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

