



EAC Meeting Minutes
West Vincent Township Building
729 St. Matthews Rd., Chester Springs, PA 19425
8/7/2025

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

Committee Attendance

Those committee members in attendance were:

Carys Egan, Donna Delany, Drew Wallace, Rachel McKay,

Dana Alan, Supervisor Liaison

Others in attendance: Carl Manthey, Holly DeCovny, Matthew and Aidan Bonner, Dave Weber

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Manager's Report - none

Subdivisions/Variance Applications – Conditional Use Application 2025-02 (Toll Mid-Atlantic)

The EAC discussed possible environmental impacts of the proposed development. Carys made a motion that eac send to the supervisors a list of the issues that were discussed at the meeting.

Donna seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Issues discussed:

- a. The EAC recommends that all of our ordinances be strictly followed with no exception.
- b. The EAC recommends that the supervisors strongly enforce stormwater management to prevent flooding on Chester Springs Road and protect French Creek, a designated exceptional value stream. As a Special Protection Waterway, antidegradation regulations mandate that the water quality of Exceptional Value waters shall be maintained and protected, period. (25 Pa. Code § 93.4d). In any activity for which DEP must issue a permit or approval where water quality of an EV stream may be affected, DEP must ensure, prior to issuing the permit or approval, that the water quality of the stream will not be degraded.
- c. We recommend that, should trees and native vegetation need to be removed, the township counts the number and size of trees and requires replacement as per code. If there are any heritage trees on the property, they should be marked on the plan and receive the protections that our heritage tree ordinance requires.
- d. If there is any history of Native Americans living on the site, we recommend that an archeologist be on site to observe excavation.
- e. We recommend that a trail should be designed and marked on the final plan and that it be constructed prior to occupation.
- f. We recommend following all recommendations of the township engineer and a traffic engineer.

- g. We recommend independent monitoring of water quality during construction and after completion and any degradation of water quality be addressed immediately.

Nature Tenders

- The committee expressed their gratitude to Aidan and Matthew Bonner, who have spent many hours of their summer college vacation removing invasive plants at Opalanie Park.
- The committee expressed their gratitude to Carl Manthey for leading an educational and enjoyable class on fireflies and for writing an article on fireflies and the benefits of leaving your leaves for the fall township newsletter.
- Donna made a motion that we schedule a Nature Tenders invasive removal/tree tube care event for fall in Opalanie Park. A new activity would be to place tree tubes and crushed stone around volunteer native trees in the tree tube area. Rachel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Carl Manthey has chosen the date Oct 18 @ 10am rain date Oct 19 for a Streamside Macroinvertebrate and Watershed Education Event at Wilson's Corner Park – Donna made a motion to hold this event, Rachel seconded, the motion passed unanimously. We are grateful to Carl for sharing his environmental knowledge.

Pollinator Pitstop

Fall 2025 Native Plant Swap – After discussion, it was decided to combine the plant swap with the Nature Tenders event. Holly DeCovny will be in charge of the plant swap. Donna made a motion to hold a Fall Native Plant Swap Fall 2025 Oct 4 with a rain date of Oct. 5, 9:30-12:30 and combine it with the Nature Tenders event; Opalanie Park Rachel seconded; the motion passed unanimously

Botanical Sanctuary

- The township is planning to reinforce the fence

Healthy Yard

- Donna reported on information Rachel Griffith collected for us from PennDot – she will send the information to the committee for a discussion in Sept.

Nature Book Club – Carys suggested the book Serviceberry, Donna seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Date TBD

Public Comment - none

Motion to Dismiss was made by Donna at 8:26, Carys seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Future Dates

Oct. 4, rain date Oct. 5 – Nature Tenders and Fall Native Plant Swap, 9:30-12:30 Opalanie Park



Oct 18 @ 10am rain date Oct 19 - Streamside Macroinvertebrate and Watershed Education Event at Wilson's Corner Park

Fall – Book Club - *Serviceberry*, Robin Wall Kimmerer – date TBD

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Delany

