



West Vincent Township Environmental Advisory Council
November 6, 2025, 7:00 P.M.
Minutes

Called Meeting to Order at 7:07pm

Attendance:

Committee members: Barb Mako, Drew Wallace, Carys Egan, Rachel McKay, Sean Clark, Kathy McDevitt (Donna Delany on phone, not voting)

Other attendees: Victoria Laubach, Carl Manthey, Andrea Fonash

October Minutes unanimously approved

Manager's report - none

Healthy Yard Recognition

Andrea Fonash recognized as our latest award recipient! Andrea is also nominating two heritage trees - a beech on her property and an oak on a neighbor's property. Barb and Donna will coordinate next steps which include measuring the trees and, if appropriate, entering them into West Vincent's Heritage Tree registry.

Subdivision, Conditional Use, Variance Applications

Montesano request for variance to be reviewed by the Zoning Hearing Board on November 11, 2025. The property is wooded with wetlands, steep slopes, and streams. It also has tributaries that feed Birch Run and French Creek (both Exceptional Value waterways). A building permit was previously denied by West Vincent Township as any construction would violate protections on the property as specified in the Zoning Ordinance (section 390-182). After a discussion of the significant environmental value of the property, the EAC drafted a letter to be submitted to the ZHB supporting the denial of the permit and recommending several environmental impact studies if the applicant wishes to continue to pursue a variance.

Motion to present the letter to the ZHB on November 11 was made by Kathy, seconded by Sean, and passed unanimously.

Nature Tenders

Tree ID walk set for November 29 (rain date 11/30)
Other business deferred for next month

Pollinator Pitstop

Review Fall 2025 plant swap was considered a success. Uwchlan township would like to host with us semi-annually. We would also be open to inviting other townships to participate.

Motion to host a plant swap with Uwchlan Township and invite other townships to participate semiannually passed unanimously.

Discussion of a potential Doug Tallamy talk pushed to next month.

Nature Book Club

Carys is posting flyers advertising the book club planned for December 2

EAC Fall Gathering (11/15) No EAC members will be able to attend. Kathy will make sure Sustainability Committee knows about the meeting as they are also eligible to attend.

Updates From Other Committees - none

Public Comment - none

Adjourn 9pm

Future Dates

Nov. 15, Chester County EAC Fall Gathering

Nov. 29, 11am, Winter Tree ID walk, Opalanie Park. Rain Date Nov. 30

Dec. 2 @ 6:30pm - Fall Nature Book Club – Serviceberry by Robin Wall Kimmerer

