

Towamencin Township

Environmental Advisory Council

Minutes of the February 13, 2024 Meeting

Present: Rory Kelley
Brett MacKay
David McCreary
Kelly Bonsignore
Joseph (Joe) Meehan
Richard (Rich) Costlow - Associate Member
Donna Hegge
David Kraynik – Township Manager
Joyce Snyder - Board of Supervisors Liason
Kofi Osei – Township Supervisor

Absent: Vanessa Gaynor

Guests: Peter Simone

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

Opening Comments - None.

Election of Officers - Rory was elected chairperson, Donna was elected vice chair-person, Kelly was elected secretary.

December 2023 Meeting Minutes - Minutes approved.

Public Comments - None.

Comprehensive Plan Discussion - Peter led a discussion of EAC information that can be included in the Towamencin Comprehensive Plan.

Old Business

Budget

Vanessa purchased one feather sign with the remaining 2023 funds. EAC budget for 2024 is \$4,700.00.

Upcoming Events

Stormwater Symposium on 3/8/24 at Ursinus College - David M. and Joe to attend.

PWC Stream Clean-up - 4/13/24 - 4 locations in Towamencin Township, David K. will ask staff for additional location suggestions.

Invasive Species Removal - 4/20/24 - David M. to lead.

Township Updates from David K.

Retrievr gave a presentation at the 12/13/2023 Board of Supervisors meeting. If the Township signs a contract with Retrievr, the Township will advertise for Retrievr and will receive collection data from Retrievr. Possible decision on 2/28/24 or March 2024. Mary Stover of CKS will propose grant applications for stormwater basin retrofits at the 2/14/24 Board of Supervisors meeting. The Annual Township eForce Recycling Day at North Penn High School will be 6/8/24.

New Business

Towamencin Day 2024 - on 5/11/24, to be discussed at the March meeting.

2024 Planning Discussion

Resident Education and Outreach – Joe is researching a list of stormwater basins to be used for “Adopt-An-Inlet” resident volunteer initiative as an educational program.

Skippack MS4 Alliance – Rory

Township inventory of sustainability best practices – Brett

Fischers volunteer garden – Vanessa

School District partnership – Kelly volunteered to do Boy Scout partnership as well.

Invasive species removal – David M. to spearhead for 4/20/24.

2024 Workshops and Professional Development – to be discussed at the March meeting.

Chanticleer Garden - David M. shared that the garden offered a free tour for the EAC.

EAC Cell Phone List - Email phone numbers to Rich and he will organize.

Meeting Minutes - Colleen Ehrle to post EAC meeting minutes on the Township website in 2024.

Spring Newsletter - Articles are due 2/16/24. Donna will prepare draft EAC newsletter articles on Invasive Plant Removal and Compost Workshop Summary and email I to Rory for review.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the EAC will be on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hegge, EAC Committee Member