

**Towamencin Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Minutes of the April 9, 2024 Meeting**

Present: Rory Kelley, Brett MacKay, Kelly Bonsignore, Joseph (Joe) Meehan, Donna Hegge, Vanessa Gaynor
Joyce Snyder - Board of Supervisors Liaison
Colleen Ehrle
Richard (Rich) Costlow - Associate Member
Bruce Bailey- Guest, Towamencin resident

1. Call to order: 7:07pm
2. Opening comments:
3. Public Comments- none
4. Minute Approval motion by Joe, Donna seconded minutes accepted as amended
5. Towamencin Day planning May 11, 12-4pm
 - a. Purpose - agree on a theme and discuss ideas
 - b. Combined Environmental Fair during Towamencin Day, May 11. Rory will reserve three spots for the Environmental Advisory Council. Ideas to attract children to keep them occupied so parents could be available to learn about the environment. Many companies are busy that day. Still waiting to hear from David Brothers. Rain-barrel giveaway with Towamencin address and email.
 - i. PECO- will come
 - ii. Penn State Extension, master gardeners (Rory)
 - iii. PA resource council, compost ; Perkiomen Watershed (Rory will contact)
6. Old Business
 - a. Project update 2024
 - i. Stormwater Basin inventory - Joe will share the list of stormwater basins and David will create a map. We could possibly have a map created to have people look at it and provide input at Towamencin Day. Check with Mary to see if there's a digital copy.
 - ii. No Mow Area- Brett- will talk to public works about the municipal no-mow area in front of the township building (2 acres) to see what's feasible regarding creating a pollinator garden to start. Towamencin is eligible for \$5000 grant from PWC to install a garden. Email Dave and Dave, look into eligibility for storm-water mitigation garden. Vanessa will work with Brett on this project, rather than a

Volunteer Garden. Brett focus eac attention improving No Mow, making it a 2024 priority.

iii. Youth Group ENACT - Kelly- Sapling Sale done, Spring Event April 27th, Envirothon is April 29th. We asked ENACT to join us for Towamencin Day, perhaps to work with children as they will on Hop into Spring Event.

iv. MS4- Rory-

b. Feather flag purchase- Vanessa- hope to have for Towamencin Day

7. New Business

a. Recycling Yard Waste presentation - postponed because resident who wanted to make the presentation was not present

8. Township Updates - Retrievr used clothing and electronics recycling, when approved will be in newsletter. It will benefit Towamencin.

9. Budget - no update

10. Upcoming Events

a. PWC Stream Cleanup - April 13th; - all spots filled up

b. Invasive Species cleanup April 20th- flyer needs a link to function

c. Towamencin Day - May 11th

d. Anything with a plug June 8th

e. Rain Barrel Workshop- June 20th- need more sign-ups- location tbd, for Towamencin

11. Adjournment Rory motioned, Joyce approved, Brett seconded. Adjourned at 9: 04pm.

Who is attending Towamencin Day: Rory, David, Vanessa

Next Meeting: May 14

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Bonsignore, Secretary