

Towamencin Township

Environmental Advisory Council

Minutes of the January 10, 2023 Meeting

Present: Amy Mawby
Donna Hegge
Brett MacKay
Joseph (Joe) Meehan
Joyce Snyder (Board of Supervisors Liaison)

Absent: Rory Kelley

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

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Opening Comments

Joyce Snyder expressed that a verbal presentation to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) with slides on the Clean Energy Resolution is preferable to a white paper. EAC members to not agree with Bill Sabey's email suggesting that the information the EAC deleted from the Clean Energy Resolution should be added back in. Joyce Snyder will add the EAC Clean Energy Resolution presentation to new business for the February 22 BOS meeting, and she feels it would be beneficial for all EAC members to attend this meeting.

December 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Joe Meehan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Brett MacKay seconded the motion, and all present agreed in favor of approving the minutes.

Old Business

Clean Energy Resolution

The EAC members agreed that no further revisions are needed to the document, unless Rory Kelley has revisions. A presentation will be developed at the February EAC meeting for the February 22 BOS meeting. Amy Mawby will bring a laptop with PowerPoint to develop the presentation content. After the presentation, Joyce Snyder will make a motion to approve the resolution. The Township solicitor will most likely want to review the resolution.

Budget Request Discussion

The BOS approved the EAC budget on December 28th, 2022 with no changes.

2022 Recap Memo Development

The EAC members agreed to discuss this item at the March meeting.

Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) Workshops

Amy Mawby will keep working on coordinating a rain garden workshop.

EAC Logo

The EAC members agreed to discuss this item at the March meeting.

EAC Branded Giveaways

The EAC members agreed to discuss this item at the March meeting.

2023 Goals

The following goals to be discussed at the March meeting:

1. Fill the two EAC membership openings

2. Host two PWC workshops
3. Host one or two stream cleanups
4. Improve the EAC GoogleDrive – Amy Mawby can organize the GoogleDrive and Rory Kelley to provide meeting agendas to Amy Mawby
5. Apply for PWC rain garden grant – Rory Kelley to gather more information
6. Expand EAC messaging
7. Continue collaboration efforts
8. Create EAC logo
9. Participate in Towamencin Day 2023
10. Prepare Township newsletter articles – The fall 2023 newsletter articles will be due in August.

New Business

Spring Newsletter

Amy Mawby to ask Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) for the Stream Clean UP date and prepare an article for the newsletter. There should be an advertisement for EAC Help Wanted, with information on how to apply for membership. EAC members agreed that Amy Mawby can submit the articles for the newsletter without EAC review.

Google Drive

Amy Mawby organized the EAC files on Google Drive and discussed with Rory Kelley the creation of a Gmail account for the EAC with a shared password.

EAC Reorganization for 2023

Joe Meehan made a motion to keep Rory Kelley as the chair and Amy Mawby as the vice-chair for 2023. Brett MacKay seconded the motion and all members were in favor. Joyce Snyder will carry the motion to the January 25 BOS meeting.

February Meeting Date

Donna Hegge made a motion to change the next meeting date to February 7 at 7:00 PM. Brett MacKay seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hegge, EAC Committee