

**Towamencin Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Minutes of the September 12, 2023 Meeting**

Present: Brett MacKay
Joseph (Joe) Meehan
Joyce Snyder, Board of Supervisors Liaison
Rory Kelley
Vanessa Gaynor
Kelly Bonsignore

Absent: Donna Hegge

Guest: Dave Kraynik, Towamencin Township Manager

1. Call to order:

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

2. Opening Comments

Rory introduced the township manager, Dave.

3. May 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Joe Meehan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Joe seconded the motion. The motion to pass the minutes was approved as written.

4. Public Comments - no public present

5. Old Business

- a. PECO Energy Audit - Amy wrote an article encouraging residents to take advantage of the audit. The promo code for a \$10 discount is Toweac and will be included in the Fall Newsletter.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Compost Workshop is Thursday, October 12th at 6:30pm and open to Towamencin residents only. The price is \$35 after the EAC contribution.
- b. EAC Fall Gathering - October 21st West Chester University: This is sponsored by weconservepa.org. Rory Kelley suggested the in-person event could be a good networking opportunity to find similar EACs to connect with. Rory suggested everyone review the information from the virtual conference and their website as resources for future EAC initiatives.

7. Township Updates

- a. Supervisor updates - Joyce. None.

- b. Planning and OSPAC updates - charging station ordinance was discussed at the meeting. A scout would like to build and place wood duck boxes at Fischer's Park. Included in the 2024 budget is work on trails at Fischer's Park, Green Lane Park, and bocce court rehabilitation. At Drinon Way Park there is plans for a playground, and path, Kreibel Road trails with native plants and Butch Clemens parking at NPWA overflow were also discussed.

8. New Business

Dave Kraynek discussed how we can collaborate with the township.

1. Skippack Creek Watershed Multi-Municipal Pollution Reduction Plan (MS4)
2. Mary Stover will meet with us soon to discuss how we can help over the next 3 + years.
3. Suggested an Annual Environmental Fair.
4. Promote recycling in the township
5. Township property - alternative energy options
6. Resident Education, especially recycling.
7. We also discussed ways to reduce single use plastics in the Township.
8. We are going to have a staff liaison join most of our meetings (Dave or Colleen) which will help us improve our partnership with the township.

9. Additional Business

- a. Budget discussion - future budget allotment for such things as informational supplies for community days and fairs, logos, flags/banners. Amy will create proposal for this year.
- b. Amy suggested no balloons be used.
- c. EAC Fall Gathering is coming up. Who's able to attend?

10. Adjournment

Rory Kelley motioned to end the meeting. Brett MacKay seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The next EAC meeting will be held on October 10, 2023, at 7pm at Township Building

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Bonsignore
EAC Committee