

**Towamencin Township  
Environmental Advisory Council  
Minutes for the September 10th, 2024**

Present: Rory Kelley, Joe Meehan, Donna Hegge, Vanessa Gaynor, Kelly Bonsignore, Rich Costlow,  
Dave McCreary

Dave Kraynik- Township Supervisor

Joyce Snyder- Board of Supervisors Liaison

1. Call to order- 7pm
2. Opening comments- no opening comments
3. Public Comments- no public
4. Approval of minutes- Rory proposed we postpone approval of the minutes until next meeting, Vanessa seconded
5. Old Business
  - a. 2024 project updates - (Informational)
    - i. No Mow inventory update- Brett/Vanessa- finish inventory this month. Brett is investigating info on meadow. David reached out to Wissahickon Watershed Conservancy and the River Trail and native habitat. Inquired how to achieve that signage.
    - ii. Finalized agenda for future meeting with D Hillmantel, Public Works
      1. Overview of Public Works department staff & responsibilities
      2. Environmental challenges township & Public Works faces
      3. EAC goals for environmental stewardship (township & community)
      4. Opportunities for Public Works staff training
      5. Ongoing partnership between EAC and Public Works
    - iii. PWC Workshop- On November 14, the Lawn to Garden workshop will be offered to township residents. Towamencin and the PWC will offer the workshop for \$30 for 20 township residents. \$200 for PWC staffing, and \$15 will be subsidized by the EAC.
    - iv. NPHS renovation letter- Local EACs (Lansdale, Towamencin, and Upper Gwynedd) are making recommendations for environmental impact on high school renovations, especially regarding stormwater runoff. Rory will further edit the

letter, get approval from the Towamencin EAC members, present to the other EACs for approval of the others before it's sent to North Penn Administration.

- v. Birdtown PA- Health of bird population is an indicator of the health of the ecosystem. \$100 registration, 3 people committee to provide an annual report. Could be under the EAC as we are already doing many of the requirements. Participating in Birdtown could increase outreach into the community and provide education. Perhaps Andrew Dolan would be interested as he provides bird walk opportunities in Fischer's Park. Motion to propose for application Vanessa, Donna seconded. Vote carried.

#### 6. New Business

- a. Pollinator Palooza- Journeywork work on lawn conversions, would like advertising and perhaps funding. We will advertise through the township newsletter, and inquire more about their services.
- b. Budget discussion ('24 and '25)- donate \$500 to We Conserve Conference. Motion by Vanessa, seconded by Donna. All in favor

- 7. Township Updates (Informational) - Dave/Joyce- Retrievr recycling agreement will be signed tomorrow night. Township is planning dome lights replacement with bulbs with lower lumens (when bulbs need to be replaced) to be more in compliance with Dark Skies.

#### 8. Upcoming Events

- a. We Conserve PA EAC Conference - October 2024 [Registration Page](#)

- 9. Adjournment Kelly motioned, Vanessa seconded 8:56pm

- 10. Next meeting, October 8th, 7pm.