

**Towamencin Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Minutes of the November 12, 2024 Meeting**

Present: Rory Kelley, Joseph (Joe) Meehan, Donna Hegge, Vanessa Gaynor, David McCreary, Richard (Rich) Costlow, Michael (Mike) Bush

David Kraynik – Township Manager

Casey Adams, Jim Dunn and Bruce Bailey - Guests, Towamencin residents

Absent: Kelly Bonsignore, Brett MacKay

1. Call to order: 7:01 pm
2. Opening comments: Associate Member Mike Bush was confirmed by the Board of Supervisors (BOS).
3. Public Comments: Jim asked about the Converting Lawn to Garden workshop.
4. Minute Approval: Vanessa made a motion to approve the October Minutes with corrections and David M. seconded the motion. Motion approved.
5. Old Business:
 - a. 2024 Project Updates
 - i. No Mow Area- Vanessa gave overview of issues and suggested that the no-mow areas be divided into the Township Building Meadow Restoration Area and the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) Grant Areas. Mary Stover of CKS Engineers is willing to brainstorm and do site visits to apply for the 2025 PWC \$5000 grant.
 - ii. Public Works Meeting – Rorey will let us know when the meeting will be with Public Works and David K.
 - iii. Birdtown PA – Registration fee of \$100 is in the EAC 2025 budget. Committee to prepare presentation for January BOS meeting asking BOS to approve a resolution supporting Birdtown. Joe suggested Kibbler Meadow for bird habitat; although Callery Pear and Multiflora Rose will need to be controlled.
 - b. Budget Discussion – Draft 2025 budget reviewed. Draft budget to be approved by BOS on 11/13, final budget to be voted on by BOS on 12/11. Vanessa to order 2nd feather flag for EAC. A motion was made by Rory and seconded by David M. to allocate up to \$2,000 on trees. Motion approved.

6. New Business:

a. 2025 Goals/Planning –

- i. Birdtown – Vanessa to lead (see above)
- ii. PWC MS4 Stormwater Grant – Donna to lead, 5/2025 submittal
- iii. Township Building Meadow Restoration – Brett and Vanessa to lead
- iv. Invasive Species Removal – discuss at December meeting
- v. PWC Stream Cleanup – EAC will provide education, but EAC will not be a site leader
- vi. Towamencin Day on 5/10 – EAC to invite environmental vendors, Rich to look into tree saplings, David M. to lead invasive species removal
- vii. Workshops – Rory to lead, PWC workshop for children
- viii. Journeyworks – discussing meeting with them at December meeting
- ix. Newsletter Articles - discuss at December meeting

7. Township Updates: David K. indicated that the 2025 budget is acceptable and that the agreement with Retrievr is done.

8. Upcoming Events:

- a. Converting Lawn to Garden Workshop- 11/14
- b. Towamencin Day – 5/10

9. Other Business:

- a. Comprehensive Plan Meeting – Simone & Collins updating the Comprehensive Plan, EAC should attend on 11/21 at 7 pm at the Township Building
- b. GIS Mapping – PWC has GIS mapping, David M. asked for stormwater basin GIS, PWC to put together Perkiomen Mapping and Flood Mitigation Study
- c. Informal EAC gathering with Lansdale, Upper Gwynedd and Montgomeryville – 11/14 at 7 pm at Imprint

10. Adjournment: 8:40 pm.

11. Next Meeting: 12/10 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Hegge, Vice Chairperson