

**Towamencin Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Minutes of the December 10, 2024 Meeting**

Present: Joseph (Joe) Meehan, Vanessa Gaynor, Brett MacKay, Richard (Rich) Costlow, Donna Hegge

Joyce Snyder – Township Supervisor

Andrew Dolan and Bruce Bailey - Guests, Towamencin residents

Absent: Rory Kelley, David McCreary, Kelly Bonsignore, Michael (Mike) Bush

1. Call to order: 7:00 pm
2. Opening comments: None.
3. Public Comments: Bruce commented that he is impressed with the tree plantings along the Kriebel Road Trail.
4. Minute Approval: Vanessa made a motion to approve the November Minutes and Joe seconded the motion. Motion approved.
5. Old Business:
 - a. 2024 Project Updates
 - i. No Mow Area- Brett indicated that the next step is to meet with David Hillmantel from the Public Works Department to discuss the Township Building Meadow Restoration Area.
 - ii. Converting Lawn to Garden Workshop – Vanessa and Rich attended the workshop along with 15 residents. They indicated that Jessie Kemper gave an interesting presentation.
 - iii. Birdtown PA – Vanessa indicated that the committee is working on the application and a presentation for the Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting on the 2nd or 4th Wednesday in January. Joyce asked to be given notice of the presentation 7 days prior to the BOS meeting.
 - b. Budget Discussion – The funds remaining in the 2024 budget were used to purchase a 2nd feather flag and trees to be planted in the Township.
6. New Business:
 - a. Towamencin Comprehensive Plan – EAC-related items.

- i. Energy Conservation and Stormwater Management – Draft plan to most likely be submitted in January. The draft plan may propose changes to ordinances. The review of and comment on the plan will be added to the list of 2025 Goals.
 - b. Review Document summarizing 2024 and 2025 planning – For the Tree Tenders, Joe is taking the class in January, Rich and Bruce are already Tree Tenders. Rich indicated that he hopes the EAC can support another member, as well as residents, to take the class in 2026.
 - c. Journeywork demonstration pollinator garden – Journeywork is looking to get a PA Native Plant Society grant. Rory to meet with Molly from Morgan Log House so that the EAC can be the connection between the Morgan Log House and Journeywork.
7. Township Updates (Informational): Joyce had no Township updates.
8. Upcoming Events:
- a. Towamencin Day – 5/10/2025
9. Any Other Business and Closing: No other business.
10. Adjournment: 8:54 pm.
11. Next Meeting: 1/14/25 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Hegge, Vice Chairperson