



Towamencin Township Environmental Advisory Council

Minutes for the October 14th, 2025 Meeting

Council members present: Rory Kelley, Corina Fiore, Brett Mackay, Rich Costlow, David McCreary, Donna Hegge, Vanessa Gaynor, Joe Meehan

Supervisors present: Joyce Snyder (liaison), Amer Bargouth

Public present: Bruce Bailey, Casey Hannings, Anthony Long

1. Call to order at 7:00 PM
2. Opening comments - In addition to needing to elect a new chair after his term ends, Rory is looking for volunteers to take over EAC mailing list and the annual project list management.
3. Public Comments - No comments
4. Approval of minutes -Brett motioned to approve minutes, Joe seconded.
5. Bird Town PA Subcommittee- There is a Bird Town leaders meeting on October 30. Hosted a native plant sale on September 20 at Firehouse Park with shrubs, trees and perennials sold by David Brothers. Improvements for next time include having more advertising (including EAC mailing list), doing pre-orders, adding signage at sale location, and reducing total sale time from four hours to two hours. David Brothers is interested in attending Towamencin Day in 2026.
6. New Business
 - a. Ordinances
 - i. Grassland Protection
 1. Discussed purpose of ordinance and whether the intention is to apply to all existing properties. The intention is for this to apply to large plots of land subject to a subdivision and land development plan.
 2. Reviewed and revised draft Grassland Protection Ordinance. Substantive revisions included increasing minimum size of the Grassland Protection Zone.
 3. EAC members to review updated draft to prepare for final review & approval at November meeting.
 - ii. Landscape Ordinance
 1. Still under review with Mary Stover, township engineer.

7. Old Business

a. 2025 projects

- i. Troxel Meadow project- Contractor will complete final treatment within the next week and then overseed within the next month. Contractor will make a presentation as part of our resident workshops next year.

ii. Workshops -

- 1. Permaculture Workshop - Monday, October 20 from 7-8 PM at township building.

b. 2026 projects

- i. Troxel Meadow maintenance & Bustard Rd. No Mow restoration will be included in 2026 budget request.

c. Budget

- i. 2025 Budget Review - We are on track to utilize the budget for 2025.

8. Township Updates

9. Upcoming Events

- a. EAC Budget Presentation, October 15th, 6:30 PM
- b. Permaculture Workshop, October 20th 7:00 PM
- c. Bird Town PA meeting, November 6th, 7:00 PM
- d. EAC Network Fall Gathering - PSU Malvern November 15th

10. Any other business and closing

11. Adjournment at 9:31 PM.