



**EAC Meeting Minutes 8/4/23 - APPROVED**

**Call to Order**

The August meeting of the EAC was held on 8/4/23 at 7:05 p.m.

**Attendance**

Those committee members in attendance were:

Donna Delany, Carys Egan, Elisabeta P. Sheehan, Kathy McDevitt, Wayne Piaskowski, Rachel McKay

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

MOTION by Donna to approve the 6/1/23 meeting minutes; second by Carys. All in favor. The motion carries unanimously.

**Presentations**

none

**Old Business**

Healthy Yard Recognition Program –

Tree Health Talk well attended. This is a topic that our residents are interested in.

**New Business-**

Subdivisions/Variance Applications-

There was a review of the documents supporting the Kanavy request for a variance. Donna made the motion to send the following statement, Carys seconded, it passed unanimously.

The West Vincent Environmental Advisory Council does not anticipate any negative environmental impact from the Kanavy shed renovation and expansion.

Manager's Report- none

**2024 Budget**

There was a discussion of possible expenditures for 2024. Donna made a motion to send the following budget request to the Supervisors and Manager. Carys seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

\$500 Speaker fees outdoor community education (Bird Walks, Tree ID, etc.)

\$300 Speaker fees for indoor community presentations

\$350 (\$50 per person) Committee educational opportunities

\$400 Special promotion/signage/giveaways/printing

\$400 plants and planting supplies (soil, seeds, plants for giveaways, new pitstops)

\$500 Bird Town supplies, including possible purple martin house and bluebird house installations

\$2450.00

Healthy Yard Recognition Program Survey and webpage now functioning well. 7 residents qualified so far; 6 requested signs. Dana and Elisabeta proofing sample signs. Almost ready to produce metal sign.

### Model Logistics Use Zoning Ordinance –

Donna made a motion that the PennFuture Model Logistics Use Zoning Ordinance for Pennsylvania Municipalities Ordinance be sent to the Supervisors and manager for consideration and comparison with our current ordinances. It was recommended that this be shared with the Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee for a coordinated approach. Reviewing local lighting requirements was recommended.

### Bird Town

Rachel and Donna described a meeting they had with Robert McMillan, who assesses purple martin habitat in our area for the Purple Martin Conservation Association. He visited Opalanie Park and Evans Park with us. He said Evans Park near Vic's tree is ideal purple martin territory.

Carys made a motion that the EAC continue to explore the feasibility of a Purple Martin house in Evans Park and, if indicated, apply for a grant to pay for it. Donna seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Carys made a motion to host a Bird Talk - A Few Birds...The Basics of Bird Watching - August 12, 2023, 4:30 – 6:00 PM – presented by Chris Petrak at the township building at no cost, Rachel 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion carried unanimously.

### Chester County Grows, Aug 26, 5-7pm

Donna made a motion that the EAC accept the West Chester Green Team's invitation to have a table presenting our work on the Pollinator Pitstop Program and the Healthy Yard Recognition Program, Kathy seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

The EAC agreed to have a table at the West Vincent Fall Festival on Oct, 14 from 10am to 3pm

### PA EAC Conference

Donna made a motion that we accept the invitation of WeConserve PA to present about the HYRP at the PA EAC Conference on Oct. 21 at West Chester University. Carys seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Book Club

Carys made a motion to sponsor a community environmental book discussion starting with Natures Best Hope, Donna seconded, the motion carried unanimously. Carys will handle the planning with Henrietta Hankin Library.

### **Future Dates-**

- August 12, 4:30 – Bird Talk, Township Building
- August 26 – Chester County Grows, 5-7pm, Chester County History Center, 225 N High St, West Chester, PA 19380
- West Vincent's PA Natural Heritage Areas talk Jeffrey Wagner - Monday, October 2, 7pm
- Fall Fest Oct 14 – 10am-3pm
- Tree id – Max McCormick, Oct 15, 1-3pm, Opalanie Park
- PA EAC Conference Oct. 21, West Chester University

There being no additional business or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.



Respectfully Submitted, Donna Delany



**West Vincent Township  
Environmental Advisory Council**