



**EAC Meeting Minutes
2/2/23 - APPROVED**

Call to Order

The February meeting of the Environmental Action Committee was held on the 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Those committee members in attendance were:

Donna Delany
Wayne Piaskowski
Carys Egan
Sarah Taylor
Elisabetta P. Sheenan

Those committee members not in attendance due to illness. Participated by Zoom:

Rachel McKay
Kathy McDevitt

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Donna Delany to approve the 1/5/23 meeting minutes; SECONDED by Carys Egan and Wayne Piaskowski. All in favor 5, all opposed 0. Motion carries unanimously.

Select liaisons to other committees- Will rotate based on alphabetical order.

Old Business

Carys Recommends that Donna Delany be Chair of the Committee.

Motion by Carys Egan to assign Donna Delaney to the position of Chair; SECONDED by Sarah Taylor. All in favor 5, all opposed 0. Motion Carries unanimously.

Donna Recommends that Carys be Vice Chair for the committee.

Motion by Donna Delaney to assign Carys Egan to the position of Vice Chair; SECONDED by Wayne. All in favor 5, all opposed 0. Motion Carries unanimously.

Donna Recommends that Sarah be secretary for the committee.

Motion by Donna Delany to assign Sarah Taylor to the position of secretary; SECONDED by Carys Egan. All in favor 5, all opposed 0. Motion Carries unanimously.

Carys Recommends Donna for the Open Space Review Board.

Motion by Carys Egan to assign Donna Delaney to the position of Open Space Review Board; SECONDED by Sarah Taylor. All in favor 5, all opposed 0. Motion Carries unanimously.

Manager's Report: none

Old Business:

Donna reported on the Sustainability Committee's presentation by Patty Lynn of the Chester County Solid Waste authority on moving to a single hauler trash service. Benefits include reduced wear on our roads, air quality and noise level of the township, and the ability to have more control over recycling. JP Mascaro has an electric garbage truck and environmental recycling practices. The effort is in process.

Healthy Yard Recognition program was approved by the Supervisors. Sponsors for the program will be sought to reduce or eliminate the cost to tax payers and to connect with and support our local businesses..

Variance Application for new pool on Veronica Drive - Minimal impervious difference from allowable amount for proposed pool. There do not appear to be any negative environmental factors.

New Business

Garden Club

Motion by Carys to plant another pollinator pitstop at a second park location; SECONDED by Donna Delany. All in favor 5, all opposed 0. Motion Carries unanimously. Will coordinate with Park & Rec to begin with a fall lasagna garden demo. Rachel and Carys volunteered to take responsibility for weeding this pitstop.

Nature Club

Donna offers to lead an invasive vine removal morning at Weatherstone.

Motion by Donna Delany to lead an invasive plant removal activity March 25 at 12pm with a rain date of March 26 12pm in the woodland owned by WV Township along the south side of our Weatherstone community. SECONDED by Sarah Taylor. All in favor 5, all opposed 0. Motion Carries unanimously.

Amphibian Patrol

Amphibian Patrol is on. The signs are at the Fredricks'. Mike is ready for road closure and Fredricks' will be in touch when spring peeper chorus begins. Donna wants to advertise to raise awareness for people to drive slow during migration.

Bird Town

Signs will go up at Opalanie and Township Building. Motion by Donna Delany to have Rachel McKay and Rick Wolf host a bird count in Opalanie Park on February 19th at 8am as part of the Great Backyard Bird Count; SECONDED by Sarah Taylor. All in favor 5, all opposed 0. Motion Carries unanimously.

Motion by Donna Delany to cohost a Valley Forge Audubon bird walk at Opalanie April 16, 2023 at 8am; SECONDED Carys Egan. All in favor 5, all opposed 0. Motion Carries unanimously.

Mid-Atlantic Audubon in targeting Birch Run this year with their Plants for Birds program, part of the William Penn Foundation Delaware River Watershed Initiative. Donna has been meeting with the people running the program and will keep us informed. The mission is to provide free plants to enhance riparian buffers, water quality, and bird habitat along Birch Run.

Stormwater

Nothing to report. The county may be taking on a stormwater basin education program for HOA's, so we will part our project on hold for now.

Litter Lifter Update

All going well and many local municipalities are reaching out to create a similar program in their own regions.

PA Natural Heritage Area talk

Motion by Donna Delaney to host a presentation on Our PA Natural Heritage Areas in our Township; SECONDED by Carys Egan. All in favor 5, all opposed 0. Motion Carries unanimously.

PARKS AND REC Updates:

Movie nights June 2 and August 25 at the Township Building. You are Here and interpretive signage going up at Opalanie. Eagle Scout will do a project at Wilsons Corner.

Natural Lands:

Putting in Beaver Hill Parking and opening that trail by the end of the year.



Future Dates:

PHS Gardens: Flourishing Through Sustainability – Hankin Library Feb 8

PA EAC Network Conference 2023 – Saturday Feb. 25 9am-3:30pm

Earth Day April 22-

Request for payment to support Doug Tallamy presentation at Colonial Theater- Passing on payment.

EAC Network is requesting \$260 for membership. We will find out if we can still attend sessions if we don't join.

Community Day has a date TBA.

A request will be made to the High School Horticulture Club to grow Asters for the Community Plant give-away.

There being no additional business or questions, the motion for the meeting to adjourn was made by Wayne;
SECONDED by Elisabetta at 8:55pm.

All in favor 5, all opposed 0. Motion Carries unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Taylor

