



EAC MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2024

6:00 pm

1. Call to Order

The February 7, 2024 meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with the following individuals in attendance.

Jon West	Chair
Scott McCartney	Vice Chair
Joanne Walker	Secretary
Tom Alvarez	Associate Member
Rebecca Moodie	Commissioner
Megan Weaver	Assistant Township Manager
Deanna Logan	Administrative Assistant

Commissioner Denise Hull and Mark Smith were absent.

Present from the public: Shane Dorward, Dennis Wendt and George Tataris

2. Minutes of January 3, 2024

Upon motion of Mr. McCartney, seconded by Ms. Walker, the meeting minutes of January 3, 2024 were approved unanimously.

3. Old Business

a. Initiatives

i. Environmental Education/Outreach

- Arbor Day Native Plant Giveaway

Saturday, April 27th, 9 am – 12 pm – The plant order has been placed for 140 trees and shrubs and 300 wildflower plants. 4 Wildflowers per household or 2 trees and 2 wildflowers. Delivery of the order is tentatively scheduled for 4/26 to the pavilion. Mr. West will contact the Boy Scouts for assistance. We have plenty of mulch bags left from last year. Reservations will open the first week of April. Mr. Alvarez will make a flyer for the plant descriptions. Mr. West will make the flyer for ordering.

Ms. Waler, Mr. Smith and Mr. Alvarez will handle the plant giveaway.

Mrs. Logan to do an excel spreadsheet for the orders.

- Wissahickon Creek Clean up

April 27th – Mr. West and Mr. McCartney will lead a team of volunteers for a creek clean up in a section of the Township.

- Unplugged Week

In order to participate in Unplugged Week, the event offered would have to be free of charge. June 17th at 7 pm is available as well as June 20th at 6 or 7 pm. Ms. Walker will check the

budget to see if we can do the composting workshop free of charge. Ms. Weaver said Jessie from the Perkiomen Watershed is available most of June except for the last week.

Rain Barrel Workshop – May 21st or May 22nd outdoors with the Public Meeting Room as a backup.

UPDATE: May 22 is now scheduled for the Rain Barrel Workshop

- Social media and e-newsletter content

Ms. Weaver will add the leaf removal article from Mr. Alvarez to the website. Mrs. Logan will include it in the fall newsletter. Summer newsletter articles will be due around mid-March.

For summer newsletter - Top 10 things for zero waste.

Leaf collection will be updated at a future meeting as the Township is reviewing the process. Ms. Weaver will find out what our Parks & Recreation Department does with leaves.

Mr. West, Ms. Walker and Mr. McCartney recently visited the Superfund 7 Site at 203 Church Road. The remediators are doing a “source removal” of TCE. The excavation was nearly completed, and the work should greatly reduce the TCE concentration. They may contact the Township about discharging to the WWTP.

ii. Natural Resources and Open Space

- Comprehensive Recreation, Park & Open Space Plan

The survey is open until March 31st. Mr. West would like the EAC to draft a memo of our thoughts on the plan. He asked each of the members to draft a list of what the EAC should comment about. He would like the comments by March 3rd to be discussed at the March 6th meeting.

iii. Plastic Waste Reduction

- Program Draft

Mr. Wendt put together a draft plan for businesses. This is for a voluntary approach for the reduction of single use plastic. Participating businesses will choose their level of participation and will receive an EAC decal/certificate. Target date for program to begin is the 1st quarter of 2025 if this is something the BOC is interested in pursuing. Ms. Walker suggested businesses sign something that they will comply with the program, and it should be renewed yearly. Decals should have a year on them. Our Solicitor will review any documents before implementation. Another Township has a similar program, and they copyrighted their logo. Mr. Wendt will research the definition of “single-use” plastic.

iv. Additional 2024 Initiatives

- Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency

There were no updates.

4. Land Development

5. New Business

- a. EAC appointment (pending BOC approval)

6. Assistant Township Manager's Report

Ms. Weaver said the Parks & Recreation Dept. has a new tennis ball recycling bin. Township staff met with the Perkiomen Watershed about the meadowization at Hartley Drive and she would like the EAC to participate in the public education portion of the project. The watershed will help with the maintenance twice per year. Sod removal will be bid out and we are looking to start the project in the spring. The Perkiomen Watershed suggested planting plugs and they would help getting the volunteers for the plantings.

7. Upcoming Workshops and Events

- a. EAC Network Conference February 24th – virtual
- b. Gwynedd Preserve – Saturday Feb 10th (Caring for Nature) 9 – 11:30 am
- c. Feb 16-19th for the Great Backyard Bird Count
- d. Wissahickon Trails Maple Sugaring Festival on Sunday, February 25th - \$10

8. Adjournment

Upon motion by Ms. Walker and seconded by Mr. McCartney, Mr. West adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday, March 6, 2024 @ 6 pm