



EAC MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2023
6:00 pm

1. Call to Order

The March 30, 2023 meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm with the following individuals in attendance. This meeting was held in person.

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

Commissioners Denise Hull and Martha Simelaro were absent.

Present from the public was resident Mark Smith. He is interested in learning about the Haines Run Project.

2. Minutes of March 30, 2023

Revision: Ready for 100 Recap – it was given by Bill Sabie on behalf of the Sierra Club.

Upon motion of Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mr. McCartney, the meeting minutes of March 30, 2023 as amended were approved unanimously.

3. Old Business

a. Initiatives

i. Environmental Education/Outreach

- Rain Barrel Workshop -Thursday, June 15 at 6:30 pm

15 barrels will be available for residents. Ms. Weaver reported 7 people are currently registered for the event. EAC members are encouraged to attend to help with the event.

- Composting and Zero Waste Workshops

At the last meeting Mr. Wendt suggested having a zero-waste workshop. The committee agreed to combine both events into one. The date will be Wednesday, September 27th at 6:30 pm in the MMR. The event budget is \$500. Last year we charged \$20 pp. and the cost of the bin last year was \$45 each.

- EPA Info Session (NP Superfund 7 site)

Mrs. Walker reported there were 3 representatives from the EPA at the information session. The North Penn Superfund 7 site has been in existence since 1989. The Teleflex site (203 and 205 Church Rd.) will get soil removal down to the bedrock (16'). Teleflex is hiring a contractor and EPA is hiring a manager to oversee the operation. After soil removal, clean soil will be trucked in. The contaminated soil will go to New Jersey. The project is expected to begin in July

and be completed in September. Mrs. Walker suggested documenting the condition of the roads before and after the remediation for reimbursement of road paving and to find out what routes will be taken to document road/curb damage. She also said to make sure Decon pads are used to clean the tires and cover the soil so it's not blowing when placed in the trucks. The ZHB will hear the application for 203/205 Church Rd.

ii. Renewable Energy, Resiliency and Sustainability Task Force

Mr. McCartney asked if there was any movement on the green stormwater infrastructure memo. Ms. Weaver said there may be some overlap with the tree city ordinance and it is under review. The MCPC is reviewing the SALDO and zoning ordinances and will try to combine everything including the ordinances the EAC already reviewed. Ms. Weaver will distribute what was incorporated when it's ready.

iii. Natural Resources and Open Space

- Haines Run Streambank Improvement Project

Mrs. Walker said the committee is having their first meeting on Thursday, May 11th. Conceptual plans are available on the Township website. Mr. Smith asked if the basins will disappear from the plan. Ms. Weaver replied, most likely. The gist of the project is to restore the streambank and mitigate flooding issues. They will first shore up the WWTP area for flooding concerns, then move upstream for streambank restoration then further work in Township open space. Construction is beginning in the fall. Mr. Smith asked if flood plains will replace the basins. Mr. West wants the EAC to have a role in public outreach on this project and possibly in partnership with Wissahickon Trails possibly to educate residents that they can make on their homes (i.e. raingardens). Mr. Smith said there is a natural low wetland area that can possibly be used to hold water (near Stefan Circle). Ms. Weaver said she will pass on the comment to our Township Engineer. Our engineers have been conducting infiltration testing in the area.

- Parks and Recreation Master Plan Study

Ms. Weaver said there is no update at this time.

- PWC Municipal Grant Program

Ms. Weaver submitted the grant for meadowization (\$5000 grant). Meadowization is along Hartley Drive in a passive park.

iv. Arbor Day Tree Giveaway

- Recap

There was rainy weather, but approximately 200 trees/shrubs were given away. About 12 trees were left over but have since been distributed. Mr. West thanked the EAC, Township Staff, the Parks & Rec staff, the Boy Scouts and other volunteers for helping with the giveaway.

Mr. McCartney will get a thank you card out to the Boy Scouts.

b. Tree City ordinance

We can expect another draft soon.

c. Pesticide/herbicide use in public spaces Memo

This was sent to the Board and will be on the Board's agenda for June 20th with a presentation by the EAC.

d. Regional Plastic Waste Reduction Initiative

- Survey
- Information Session

More area municipalities are working to reduce/eliminate the use of single use plastic bags. The path forward is to have an information session on this effort and invite Penn Environment and the Clean Air Council to educate everyone and answer questions. Area municipalities will also be invited as well as the general public. Committee decided on October 4th at 6 pm.

4. New Business

a. 1 Vacancy – update

We received a resume, but there are no updates

b. Info for weekly Gazette

Social media blasts to include the issues with bamboo. Mr. Alvarez will send information to Mrs. Walker.

c. Budget Update

Ms. Weaver will get an update from Mr. Crittendon.

5. Assistant Township Manager's Report

Ms. Weaver said Phase 1 of the stormwater project at Meadowbrook/Oakland will be completed soon. She also said the Township opted into the DVRPC charging stations project which is a project similar in nature to the Streetlight Procurement Program.

6. Upcoming Workshops and Events

Tour of Wissahickon Headwaters project tomorrow at 8:30 am

Montgomery Co. Master Gardener Plant sale on Saturday, May 6 at 4H center on Rte 113 in Skippack from 9 am – 1 pm

Wissahickon Trails spring plant walk on May 1st

Open House on May 21st at Evans-Mumbower Mill at 1 pm

Bird Walk May 25th at Gwynedd Preserve at 8 am

WeConservePA Grant – Mrs. Walker will have her students work on the grant for a class project
PA native plant society that gives grants – Mrs. Walker will research.

7. Adjournment

Upon motion by Mrs. Walker and seconded by Mr. McCartney, Mr. West adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday, June 7, 2023 @ 6 pm