

East Vincent Township
Environmental Advisory Council Meeting
April 19, 2023, 6:30 PM

Elaine Milito opened the meeting at 6:32PM. In attendance were Chris Orzechowski, Molly Wagle, and Chris Canale. Also in attendance was interim Township Manager, Collin Fox. There was 1 guest.

1. Meeting minutes from March will be shared in May.

2. Old Business
 - A. Township Garden Planting – officially approved!
 - i. Date
 - Shouldn't be planted just yet, as they have been stored in a greenhouse
 - May 20th will be planting date, rain or shine
 - ii. Discussion of process
 - Collin working on ordering plants from Joe's Wholesale Nursery
 - Plants are set aside at the nursery for EVT and will be delivered to township
 - Collin to check with public works
 - a. to ensure water access & if the drip lines work and if there are any drip lines buried, and if anyone from public works can be there
 - b. Ask Denis if he can provide a poly mending kit
 - c. When will the parks be mulched, and if the mulch delivery is somewhat close, can they add an extra 2 yards in for our needs?
 - If delivered ahead of time, where can the plants and mulch be delivered?
 - Bring your own shovel, gloves, trowels, 5 gallon buckets, water
 - Planting process is best done by setting the plants in the proper location, then people plant the item
 - a. Design crew to show up at 8am
 - b. Planting to occur 1 hour later, 9am
 - Signage
 - a. Recommend adding a QR code at some point, but need a website to link it to (resource page)
 - i. Idea for QR code per plant
 - ii. Later add signage for plant names
 - b. Action Item: Elaine to work on sign and QR code
 - c. Action Item: Collin to create 'Resource Page'
 - iii. Advertising
 - Website banner

- a. Action Item: Elaine to provide Collin 2 sentences for website banner to advertise for event. Perhaps, add statement 'As you visit the park, stop by!'
 - iv. Concurrent activities
 - Need someone to take video and/or pictures of the planting to turn into educational materials. C. Canale & family can support.
 - EAC members and plant experts answering questions
 - B. Website Contents – ongoing
 - i. Recommend each EAC member take a topic
 - C. Grant Opportunities for riparian buffers and erosion control at Independence Park stream
 - i. Schuylkill Highlands – due soon (in spring) for pollinator garden
 - Would be ideal to show pictures of our May 20th pollinator garden
 - ii. PECO – due in fall for removing invasives at Independence Park
 - D. Continue discussion on examining township code
 - i. <https://ecode360.com/37014013>
 - § 22-422 Landscape Design, Installation, and Maintenance Standards
 - § 22-429 Natural and Historic Features Protection
 - ii. Recommend having a list of preferred plants (strongly recommend), and a list of plants that you cannot plant
3. New Business
- A. Regional Clean Energy Initiatives: Northern Chester County Clean Energy Future
 - i. West Vincent, East Pikeland, West Pikeland, and Schuylkill townships
 - ii. Working on grant from the county
 - iii. EAC recommends to get involved in initiative
 - iv. Motion to join the NCC CEF

Moved: M. Wagle Second: C. Canale Vote: Unanimous
 - B. Saturday Walks in the Park
 - i. Discussed having weekend initiatives with an example of a walk through the park
 - ii. Leave the naming up to the attendees
 - iii. Motion to have walks in the part

Moved: E. Milito Second: C. Canale Vote: Unanimous
4. Open Discussion/Public Comment:
- A. Attendees looking forward to the pollinator garden
5. Adjournment
- Motion to adjourn.
- Moved: E. Milito Second: C. Orzechowski Vote: Unanimous