

East Vincent Township
Environmental Advisory Council Meeting
May 17, 2023, 6:30 PM

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

1. Meeting minutes from April 19, 2023 were shared. There was a motion to approve the minutes.

Moved: C. Orzechowski Second: C. Canale Vote: Unanimous

March minutes will be shared in June.

2. Old Business

- A. Township Garden Planting and Plant Swap

- i. EAC to show up at 8am, public at 9am
 - EAC members to do the planting
- ii. Drip lines
 - Action Item: Collin to confirm the water irrigation drip lines to be on only in the morning once the plants are planted, and ensure the spicket is on for 5/20
- iii. Public works will not be available, which is a concern if we need something.
 - Collin to ensure the wheel barrel will be available, along with the mulch, 2x tables, irrigation patch kits, and tarps.
- iv. The plants will be delivered at 11am on Friday.
- v. Plant swap
 - Individuals to bring whatever native plants they have
 - Elaine to bring books, pamphlets
 - Elaine to recommend people label their plants
 - Have a signup list/ suggested topics for future EAC initiatives

- B. Website Contents – ongoing

- i. Location of QR code for pollinator garden
 - Sketch of website layout was provided for the pollinator garden
- ii. QR codes can be printed on waterproof paper for low cost alternative
- iii. Would be great to have QR codes for individual plants in the longterm
 - Chester County may already had webpages for individual plants

- C. Grant Opportunities for riparian buffers and erosion control at Independence Park stream

- i. Growing Greener is coming up but you need a plan
 - Township has a plan for repairing culvert for meeting permit

- Perhaps EAC can look at what's in the Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) and identify what's appropriate for next year.
- ii. Future grant opportunities: focus on the problem/issue and then see what grants will be appropriate. Another way to look at it is to look at what grants are available, then find projects to tackle them
 - Independence Park Riparian Buffers and Erosion Control
 - a. Can tackle at a later date, to ensure we don't conflict with existing plants through Parks & Rec
 - b. Funding is available for phase 1 and part of phase 2
 - c. Would be a great candidate for a grant due to degraded stream
 - Pollinator garden
 - Any scope will need to be reviewed by the engineer (may impact limits of disturbances)
 - a. Next steps: get more specifics, exactly what activities, how many people, how long, scope of project
 - Stony Run – there is a problem there with the impaired stream
 - a. Would require property owner permission
 - VW Grant/ other Energy Efficiency Grants
 - a. Would be great for charging stations. The convenience stores would be most ideal, provided infrastructure exists
 - b. Township building energy
 - i. Collin to look into energy infrastructure for township building
 - c. PECO is giving \$90 off for wifi enabled thermostats
 - d. Anything on energy efficiency will be great for education
- D. NCC-CEF
 - i. Molly to send email Collin scope of effort, what it is, benefit, and resources needed (cost and resources)
- 3. New Business
 - A. NCC-EAC meeting – request for topics from NCC-EAC for next meeting. No topics recommended by EVT EAC.
- 4. Open Discussion/Public Comment:
 - A. Understanding Local Streams event tomorrow evening, May 18
 - B. There will be educational events coming from the Northern Chester County Clean Energy Future
 - i. Jun 20th Clean Energy Efficiency Educational Event at Hankin Library
 - ii. July and August will be a clean energy roadmap display (the how to) at Hankin Library
- 5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: M. Adams

Second: C. Orzechowski

Vote: Unanimous