

East Vincent Township
Environmental Advisory Council Meeting
June 21, 2023, 6:30 PM

Elaine Milito opened the meeting at 6:31PM. In attendance were Chris Orzechowski, Molly Wagle, and Michele Adams. Also in attendance was interim Township Manager, Collin Fox. There was 1 guest.

1. Meeting minutes from May 17, 2023 were shared. There was a motion to approve the minutes.

Moved: C. Orzechowski Second: M. Adams Vote: Unanimous

March minutes will be shared in July.

2. Old Business

- A. Discussion of Pollinator Garden.

- i. How to promote

- Garden was shared on LinkedIn & Facebook East Vincent Voices Group

- ii. Slide Show/ Pictures

- Would be ideal to take pictures as the garden grows

- iii. Maintenance

- M. Adams has used boards for public works with pictures of flowers and the leaf itself, which states “pull everything except these”.
- EAC decided to educate public works, but do not want Public Works to maintain it (although may want to include for the annual mulching, and check to ensure the water is flowing)

- a. As the garden gets established, the EAC may want to revisit the watering schedule to see if it is getting too much water

- iv. Bumblebee Count

- A project to take pictures of the bees you see, and then you can identify the different bees and send the data in. Would also be ideal to add to our website.

- B. Website Contents – ongoing

- i. Location of QR code for pollinator garden

- Sketch of website layout was provided for the pollinator garden
- Collin to share the website draft

- ii. QR codes can be printed on waterproof paper for low cost alternative

- Doug Schmidt, guest, shared cards with QR codes for each plant, with different mounting types. Recommended 30mil paper for stiffness.

- EAC to find the pictures, names of plants, and where to send people to through the QR code (Mount Cuba perhaps?)
- iii. Would be great to have QR codes for individual plants in the longterm
 - Chester County may already had webpages for individual plants
- iv. Other topics for the website
 - EAC members to each work on their separate topics
 - Collin to share ideal format

3. New Business

- A. Update by Molly on with the Northern Chester County Clean Energy Futures group, and a new OJR Clean Energy Future initiative.
 - i. Molly to ask about if there are opportunities for additional grants for such a plan
 - ii. Molly to send WVT's plan to Collin and EAC
 - iii. To get the BOS involved, write a proposal to the manager for placing this item on the agenda
 - iv. Chester County Planning Commission has a grant for the Local Climate Action Program <https://www.chescoplanning.org/MuniCorner/GrantOpportunities.cfm>
 - v. WVT, M. Wagle, and individual from East Nantmeal involved in engaging with OJR for clean energy to provide education, resilience, and meet state standards.
- B. Upcoming WeConservePA EAC meeting at West Chester University on October 21, 2023
- C. Next NCC-EAC meeting on Saturday, July 22, 9:00 at Donna Delany's house. There will be one speaker and then a presentation about our individual EACs past, present and future projects.
 - i. Ideal for EVT EAC to make a slide deck at our pollinator garden for this (Molly can present if available)
- D. Discussion of Part 14 in the Zoning Ordinance, "Cultural Resource Conservation & Natural Resource Section"
 - i. EAC to review existing environmental related ordinances and provide recommendations

4. Open Discussion/Public Comment:

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: C. Orzechowski

Second: M. Adams

Vote: Unanimous