

**East Vincent Township**  
**Environmental Advisory Council Meeting**  
**January 31, 2024, 7:00 PM**

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Elaine Milito opened the meeting at 7:06PM. In attendance was Michele Adams and Molly Wagle. There were 2 guests.

1. Reorganization – the reorganization will occur next month when additional EAC members are in attendance.
2. Meeting minutes from December 13, 2023 were shared. There was a motion to approve the minutes.

Moved: M. Adams

Second: E. Milito

Vote: Unanimous

3. Old Business

A. Earth Day

i. Motion made to:

- Hold Earth Day event on April 27, 2024.
- Activities:
  - a. Native plant and seed swap & showcase pollinator garden
  - b. Kick off Healthy Yards Program
  - c. Riparian buffer walk
    - i. Walk may be the biggest draw for attendees
  - d. Potentially other activities, depending upon resources to support Earth Day

Moved: M. Wagle

Second: M. Adams

Vote: Unanimous

- ii. Potential other activities for Earth Day (depending on resources available)
  - a. Memorial tree planting – coming soon! Likely will not be ready
  - b. Seed bombs – great activity for the kids
  - c. Native plant sale
- iii. Will need to focus on communications to get people out
  - Recommend having someone with experience to lead the walk
  - Molly to ask contact (former park naturalist & environmental science teacher) to point out what is invasive and what is not
  - Recommend having messaging on invasives, such as “East Vincent’s Top 10 Most Wanted Plants to eradicate in your yard”
- iv. Something free will attract people
  - seed bombs

- native plant swap
- v. May need to discuss education on native plants
- vi. Action Items:
  - Molly talk to reach out to potential walk lead, Michele look at plugs, Elaine to get prices on seeds

4. New Business

A. EAC Network Virtual Conference

- i. Motion to do a group registration for the EAC Network Virtual Conference on February 24, 2024

Moved: E. Milito

Second: M. Wagle

Vote: Unanimous

B. Activate Water Issues Committee

- i. Recommendation to have a committee (EAC member(s) and residents) to support a water issues committee
- ii. First item would be to obtain addresses of individuals along the Stony Run and its tributaries share the “Caring for your Streamside Property” brochures
  - Could ask if there are any vernal pools, intermittent streams (and education on them), and any other pertinent information
  - Bob shared that the township could share stormwater information for all residents along the Stony Run
- iii. Get Green Valley back involved in testing; data is important for negotiating with developers and DEP
- iv. One of the biggest goals is to get resident observations of flooding, erosion, etc.
- v. Next item would be connecting with HOAs on the riparian buffers and stormwater basins
  - Township has a list of the HOAs and the management companies, but may not have the resident representatives
- vi. Educating residents and what they can and cannot do
  - Knowing where to go to get assistance
- vii. Current basins are failing. Retrofitting basins are cost effective, and improve water quality and flooding
- viii. Motion to activate water issues committee

Moved: E. Milito

Second: M. Wagle

Vote: Unanimous

C. Stony Run Restoration Project

- i. Michele to look at a hydrologic analysis
- ii. There are 2 monitors on the Stony Run, DEP 303D List
- iii. Motion for the EAC to bring the Stony Run Restoration Project to the BOS for approval, when ready.

Moved: E. Milito

Second: M. Adams

Vote: Unanimous

5. Discussion

A. EAC needs to present to BOS. Recommended to include the following topics:

- i. Earth Day – event on April 27, emphasize community involvement
- ii. Riparian Buffer SALDO definition & zoning ordinance
- iii. Water committee
- iv. Stony Run Stormwater Project

B. Past motions

- i. Molly to create tracking mechanism for motions and follow up with township

6. Public Comment

A. Discussions with the township on best way to move forward with a Clean Energy Transition Plan. Will evaluate an additional quote from PECO, as well as apply for grants.

B. Resident shared pictures of their stormwater basin full of water. Residents need to understand information as to whether they are making it better or worse.

- i. Compost socks should be filled with compost, and the township could enforce that.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: E. Milito

Second: M. Wagle

Vote: Unanimous

Attachments:

- Informal notes from January 10, 2024 meeting.