

East Vincent Township
Environmental Advisory Council Meeting
February 21, 2024, 7:00 PM

Elaine Milito opened the meeting at 7:03PM. In attendance was Chris Canale, Michele Adams and Molly Wagle. There was 1 guest.

1. Reorganization

A. Elaine Milito was nominated for chair. Molly Wagle was nominated for vice-chair.

Secretary remains open.

Motion made for Elaine Milito to become chair and Molly Wagle to become vice-chair.

Secretary position remains open.

Moved: C. Canale

Second: M. Adams

Vote: Unanimous

2. Meeting minutes from January 31, 2024 were shared. There was a motion to approve the minutes.

Moved: E. Milito

Second: M. Adams

Vote: 3 approved, 1 abstained

3. Old Business

A. Earth Day Events, April 27, 2024 @ 10am

i. Native Plant and Seed swap centered around township garden

- Plugs of garden plants – estimate from Northbrook Natives

a. ~\$70/ tray from Northbrook Natives, potentially look into Terry Brett

b. Recommendations: black eyed susan, coreopsis, echinacea

- Seeds for seed bombs – estimate from Donna Delaney

a. Ernst seeds will sell wholesale

b. Want to have seeds that won't need cold stratification: Wild bergamot, hairy mountain mint, purple coneflower, little bluestem, prairie dropseed, purple prairie clover

- Will want to have a sign/poster with the "Top 10 'Most Wanted Plants' of East Vincent" to educate residents

ii. Healthy Yards Program – Modification of West Vincent Township's Program

- Edit Questions – not able to do a 'lift and shift' of the West Vincent questions, thus may need to manually recreate for East Vincent

- Order signs with bulk order with other townships for cheaper pricing – did not discuss

- The township should recommend developers plant according to the healthy yards program, although this is where the LEED program would also support healthy yards
- iii. Riparian buffer walk – led by a former Park Naturalist
 - Focus on Invasive and natives plants along the stream
- iv. Communications:
 - Email blast
 - Township Facebook page, and have them to create an event through the Facebook page
 - Molly to create a flyer and have people share flyer in their neighborhood groups, library, and any other appropriate venues
 - Chris can talk to Ephram Zook for the EAC, in exchange for a coupon
 - Need to make a timetable. Walk at 11am and suggest attendees pack a lunch
- B. Group registration for EAC Network Virtual Conference – Feb 24
 - i. Group membership confirmed for Saturday, group registration \$75 for all members, included in budget
- 4. New Business
 - A. Report from Water Issues Committee
 - i. Education:
 - Township will send pamphlet on Caring for Your Streamside Property to all residents along Stony Run; need to identify those along the tributaries as well
 - Draft letter shared
 - Need to have resources for residents. Can put a section on the EAC website for resources
 - ii. If the township wanted to support remediation, the township could probably get funding and then just would need to ask residents for permission to remediate riparian buffer on their property along the stream
 - iii. Green Valley no longer does the sampling, but Stroud can hold a Zoom meeting
 - Stroud has a great tool: Model my Watershed
 - They provide custom guidance because there are so many situational dynamics based on the location
 - Zoom meeting recommended for March 11th
 - iv. Greenway corridor example shown for Stony Run
 - v. DEP Environmental Education Grant - \$7,500 grant that would be appropriate for Chester County Conservation District to apply for. We can recommend the Chester County Conservation District to apply so that so we can access the funding.
 - B. Junior Position on Board

Motion made to add a junior member on the board, which would be a 2 year term for a non-voting member of the board. Applications would be requested for juniors in high school that are residents of East Vincent. This junior position increases environmental awareness of the township, as well as promotes local government engagement and education on civics.

Moved: E. Milito

Second: C. Canale

Vote: unanimous

C. Development Plan Evaluation – continued

- i. 301/304 Stony Run coming up on the March 6th meeting.
- ii. Discussion on shortcomings of this sketch plan, including inability to deal with the waste water, in addition to not following the zoning.
- iii. Chris to draft a letter on EAC recommendations for this sketch plan, from the EAC to the BOS, with all EAC members to provide input and sign it

5. Public Comment/ Discussion

A. EAC now has an email address: eastvincentEAC@eastvincent.org

B. Molly to follow up with the township on all prior motions made

C. Planning Commission (PC) meeting on February 20

- i. Elaine presented on the different riparian buffer definitions and the value of these definitions
- ii. Discussion on how EAC should provide input to Planning Commission; Bob is going to the BOS to determine the proper process of EAC to getting information to the PC

D. Data Center potential for Pennhurst area being proposed

- i. US Green Building Council will have a guidance on data centers

E. New water treatment plant on Pennhurst/ Brown Drive – concern for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), otherwise known as forever chemicals. A representative from the water company previously told the township they couldn't monitor for PFAS. However, technologies do exist.

F. FPR – East Coventry is passing an ordinance

G. No idling campaign for East Vincent Elementary

Motion made for the EAC to talk to East Vincent Elementary about implementing a no idling program, similar to the one West Vincent Elementary implemented.

Moved: E. Milito

Second: C. Canale

Vote: Unanimous

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: M. Adams

Second: E. Milito

Vote: Unanimous