

East Vincent Township
Environmental Advisory Council Meeting
October 19, 2022, 6:30 PM

Elaine Milito opened the meeting at 6:30PM. In attendance were Michele Adams and Molly Wagle. Also in attendance was Township Manager, Catherine Ricardo. There were 0 guests.

1. Meeting minutes from the September 21, 2022, were read and approved.

Moved: M. Adams

Second: E. Milito

Vote: Unanimous

2. Old Business

- A. The EAC decided to create articles to publish in EVT's newsletter and monthly electronic newsletter for the next few months, to spread education on various environmental topics. Any topics that would comply with MS4 reporting such as stormwater runoff, salt management, manure management, riparian buffer, fertilizer use, picking up dog waste, not mowing up to the stream bank, rain barrel/ rain garden installation, etc. is welcomed as would also count towards the public education requirements for MS4.

- i. Tri-annual paper newsletters

- The next issue will be fall/winter and is expected to finish by November 2, 2022.
- Action Item: Catherine to give topics that are already covered.
- If adding a link for more information, add the link and tell the audience for what to look for on the website

- ii. Monthly E-newsletters

- These go out the second week of every month. Topics can be a few sentences (100 words max) and can include a link to the EAC website. Can also include a picture/poster that is a link.
- There will not always be space for EAC topics, as these newsletters are much shorter, but ideal to include EAC topics wherever possible

- iii. EAC members agreed to work on these articles offline and for the assigned topics, have drafts ready for next meeting. It's important to ensure these articles don't conflict with any township ordinance. Please contact Catherine for any questions/guidance on ordinances. Topics that were discussed are as follows, and the EAC members that volunteered to write a draft are listed in parentheses.

- Leave the leaves (Elaine has permission to publish)
 - a. Action Item: Elaine to send above article to Catherine, including the permission to publish and directions for citation
- Riparian buffer (Michele)
- Salt management (Molly)
- Idling cars (Molly)

- Native plants (Elaine)
 - Picking up dog waste
 - Fertilizer use
 - Pesticide use
 - Heat pumps w/ links to grants
 - Radon control
 - Composting
 - Turning off lights at night
- B. Work together on plotting action ideas from last month's meeting, and new ideas, onto a matrix. Include in this matrix resources needed, time needed, etc. This will help us prioritize these action plans.
- Other educational topics not already covered in section above:
 - o Rain barrel/ rain garden
 - o Stormwater management
 - o Zoning ordinance details (i.e. steep slope and forested areas)
 - o Manure management plan (utilize Penn State Extension for information)
 - Workshops can be held in person at the township building and EAC would run these workshops. Since there isn't a budget for EAC, would rely on knowledge of EAC members or volunteer subject matter experts. Some ideas for workshop topics were:
 - o How to utilize the simplified method of the stormwater management ordinance
 - o How to make a rain barrel/ rain garden
 - o Native plants (potentially investigate grants for native plant giveaways)
 - Earth day should be on the agenda for each meeting. Some ideas raised were:
 - o Kids education
 - o Stream walk
 - o Seed planting
 - o Invasive plants
 - Topic was raised to see if EAC could put in any advice into sub-division & land ordinance for native plantings or recommendation for building requirements. Role of EAC was clarified (see 2C, below).
 - Recommendation: Add a section to the EAC section of the website for upcoming events.
 - o Action Item: EAC members to send events to Elaine & Elaine send to Catherine once per month
 - Movie nights, lectures = Independence Park
- C. Role of EAC: EAC is not to review the planning documents and is not to serve as environmental professional role; but rather to provide public education.

3. New Business

- A. M. Adams nominated as EAC member to Open Space Committee, which would meet quarterly or as needed.

Moved: M. Adams Second: E. Milito Vote: Unanimous

- B. Updates from other EV Township Committees

- i. Park & Rec: Great planning underway for Independence Park. EAC members noticed the large amount of invasives there and discussed partnering with Parks & Rec for education around invasives and have an invasive removal day (or a few) at Independence Park. There could also be partnerships with Trellis for Tomorrow or reach out to NatLands for recommendations on invasive removal.

- C. Announcements: None

- D. EAC network gathering Oct. 22, Haverford and training for PA EAC Members

4. Open Discussion/Public Comment: No open discussion or public comment.

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: E. Milito Second: M. Adams Vote: Unanimous