

Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)

April 08, 2025

Attendees: Jeff Cogshall, Curt Sawyer, Erich Neal, Marcello Mangano, Judy Dixon, Andrea Mergner, Heidi Shiver

Welcome

II. Public Comment

Quorum present – everyone should make it to the meeting in person when possible.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2025

Approved

IV. Budget Review

\$4,700 and change still to be spent.

V. Old Business

a. Open EAC position – Jeff Buckhalter considering the position; Kelly Hunter was suggested by Andrea and she'll reach out to her.

VI. Ongoing Business

a. Strategic Plan 2025-2027 to finalize; Deer Education; no motion to accept since it is dynamic, living document

b. Arbor Day Events April 26 – Hart's Woods and Basin

Plan planting in Hart's Woods in the fall after burning bush has been treated; Work around the basin continues.

Women's Farm and Garden & Master gardener are donating two trees for the event; Bucks Beautiful donating two more trees; The official event will be mulching of the Central Park trees; trailers will be there and provide leaf mulch from our own piles.

c. Climate Action Plan and EV Symposium April 22

CAP presented to board on the 18th; Jim was there for support; went well; 4 supervisors look positive; no action taken at that meeting; should be adopted at next meeting, then it is the official plan.

EV Symposium for April 22 is all set with 3 or 4 RSVPs yes; panel is lined up: Jim Baldassare, Curt Sawyer, BC planning commission and regional commission and Judy. Curt, Heidi and Jeff plan to attend.

d. Working with HOAs and requests updates – Westwyk and Progress Drive

Chad, Marcello and Judy walked property at Westwyk and provided beautiful story/color boards with plant options; suggested plant species that are deer resistant and attractive plus also suggested gravel garden; plant plugs directly. Heidi shared that the Progress Drive meeting postponed until Summer.

e. Addressing Salt Use Follow-up and Next Steps

Erich suggested that info be gathered on how much salt we use, what is the protocol on distribution... analyze data.

Doylestown Twp has water department that has no watershed info; Roads department has salt usage data.

State data is broken down by watershed; Info was shared about the Certification class for distributing salt

f. Native Plant Demo Garden Update

First garden workday of the season 2 weeks ago—12 people there; proposed plantings—see [Native Demo Garden Understory - Plant List](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1W7tfxWNCMIQIrYSsLoV-CcXo3697yj2IN2t6ZTQ0gus/edit?gid=1472438216#gid=1472438216) (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1W7tfxWNCMIQIrYSsLoV-CcXo3697yj2IN2t6ZTQ0gus/edit?gid=1472438216#gid=1472438216)

Motion made, seconded and approved to expend \$1100 for demonstration garden planting and Japanese Stilt grass remediation.

g. Heritage Tree Program and Shade Tree Commission

To be advertised; now for Marcello to look at foliage

h. Bird Town PA and YMCA Demo Garden Updates

Meeting Sat. at 9am; what's a weed and what's viable; Marcello can join Heidi; rain date of April 25th; Chad has plugs; Motion made, seconded and approved to expend \$409.93 for the final plants – Prairie dropseed.

Girl Scouts involved;

May 17th 10am-1pm touch-a-truck—EAC will not have a table.

Heidi shared about the new Bird Safe Doylestown program to monitor bird window collision at the Justice Center.

Volunteers are needed to collect birds at 5am for collection birds to take for rehabilitation or stored.

Bird Town PA has now 79 programs state-wide!

New Business

Erich wants to talk about Central Park Lights in the future.

VII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Minutes submitted by Jeff Cogshall.