



Warrington Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Minutes of the Meeting
November 7, 2018

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:** Ivy Ross, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were, Adele Weremeychik, Member; Barbara Brown, Member; Todd Baratz, Secretary; Vinobha Pannerselvam, Bike and Hike Liaison; Fred Gaines, Board of Supervisors Liaison; Ruth Schemm, Board of Supervisors; Daniel Haschets, Eagle Scout Candidate; and Jailan Elsarha, Member of the Public.

Ms. Ross led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Public Comment** - There was no public comment.
3. **Approval of Minutes** - On motion by Ms. Brown and seconded by Ms. Weremeychik, the minutes of the October 3, 2018 meeting were approved. All were in favor.
4. **Business:**
 - a. **Eagle Scout Candidate-Daniel Haschets-** Daniel's Eagle Scout project will be to build and plant a Monarch Waystation in John Paul Park, adjacent to the EAC's cluster planting project. Daniel described to the members the information he has found through his research. His plan is to build one raised bed and leave an area behind it to grow naturally. The total project area will be approximately 8' x 15'. He will plant Milkweed and meadow plants in the natural area, and plant the raised bed with plants that will attract butterflies. Daniel will seek donations and raise money to purchase the topsoil, mulch, wood and plants. We will still need to determine, through ongoing conversations, whether Daniel should eradicate the grass currently at the site over the winter, or remove it manually prior to planting. The project will be completed the weekend of Warrington's Day of Community Service, May 18, 2019.
 - b. **Year of the Bird Proclamation-** Mr. Pannerselvam presented the Year of the Bird Proclamation to the group, which was drafted by the Bucks County Audubon Society. This proclamation helps to save/support the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which is currently under threat due to the recent addition of an

addendum. Mr. Pannerselvam asked to make a motion to send this document to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) to review, and if they felt it was appropriate, to sign. Mr. Gaines asked Ms. Ross to forward him the draft Proclamation for review. He will discuss it with the BOS.

- c. **Rain Garden-** Ms. Brown purchased some native grasses, sedges and shrubs. She has graciously planted them in the Rain Garden. Hopefully this will help to fill in the area, and cut down on maintenance, going forward. She purchased \$111.00 in plant materials and suggests that we plant more in the spring.
- d. **Palomino Meadow-** Ms. Ross reported that after investigation, the Township Engineer determined that the area the EAC had let go as meadow over at the Palomino Basin is located in the emergency spillway. Therefore, this is not allowed and will need to be mowed and maintained going forward.
- e. **Pickertown and Folly Road Basin-** Ms. Ross and Mr. Suffian meet the Township Engineer at the Pickertown and Folly Road Basin to discuss alternatives for the project. Mr. Zarko feels that there is enough elevation in the basin for it to drain after we remove the concrete flow channel. He will draw up some recommendations for a design and send them to the EAC for consideration.

Mr. Suffian will contact the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association to set up a field view of the site and determine the type of meadow that would be best to plant, given the conditions.

- f. **Buttercup Blvd. Basin-** Ms. Ross told the group that we have submitted a grant application to work on this basin. We will be planting 100 trees and 20 shrubs. The basin will be done in two stages. This grant is for stage one and will be completed on May 18, 2019. Ms. Ross is completing a letter to the neighbors alerting them regarding the work to be done.
- g. **Eagle Scout Project-Hidden Court-** The group discussed an Eagle Scout work on redesigning the wild flower meadow at Hidden Court. Ms. Brown thinks that this would be a worthwhile project. The meadow could use more plantings. All were in favor of offering this to the next Eagle Scout looking for a project.
- h. **Plant Sale-** The plant sale will be held on April 27, 2019, with a rain date of April 28, 2019 at the Warrington Township building.

Ms. Brown would like to put in several orders for plants. She would like to order for the following areas:

- Butterfly Gardens
- Rain Garden
- Plant Sale
- Shrubs and Trees for Lower Nike Trail
- Morning Walk Basin

- Hidden Court Basin
- Buttercup Blvd. Basin

Ms. Brown and Ms. Ross will place the pre orders with Octorara Native Plant Nursery.

- i. Police Station-** Mr. Gaines discussed that the police station was originally going to be designed to be completely LEED Certified; however, this design became extremely expensive. As many LEED modifications will be added to the design, as possible.
- 5. Open Space Update-** Ms. Ross reported that negotiations are still moving forward with the quarry, regarding the Mill Creek acquisition.
- 6. Future Agenda Items-** There was no future agenda items discussed.
- 7. Adjourn:** Ms. Weremeychik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37PM. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectively submitted,

Ivy Ross

Vice- Chairman, WEAC