



**Warrington Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Minutes of the Hybrid Zoom/In-Person Meeting
May 3, 2023**

- 1. Call To Order, Pledge of Allegiance:** Ivy Ross, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:44pm. Present were Ivy Ross, Vice Chairman; Todd Baratz, Secretary; Fred Gaines, Supervisor; Ruth Schemm; Barbara Brown, Member; Guy Powell, Member; Nick Weremeychik, Member; Adele Weremeychik, Member; Marilyn Laurelli, Member; Amy Crasto, Member; Steve Palimiei, Member; Scott Vogin, Bike and Hike Liaison.

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

- 2. Public Comment:**

Attending from the public - Zijun Xu, Drew Soltys, and Vivek Anandar.

Mr. Anandar stated that he lives in Warrington township and he is a member of a FEMA organization. Mr. Anadar asked if there was any need for 14 - 17 year old volunteers.

He stated that he has about 7 - 8 volunteers. Ms. Ross stated that the volunteers might be ideal to work in the rain garden at our Day of Community Service.

- 3. Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Weremeychik stated that item B needs to be changed to "cots".

Mr. Guy sent general information on the minutes through email

Ms. Weremeychik motioned to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Crasto seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

- 4. Business:**

- a. Chimney Swift Tower - Ms. Ross**

Ms. Ross stated that the Chimney Swift tower is built near the equestrian center. Ms. Ross showed a presentation about the tower. Ms. Ross stated that the scout, Danny Jacobson, raised \$1000 for this project. He donated the \$100 left over to the EAC for future projects.

- b. Wednesdays in the Watershed – Ms. Ross**

Ms. Ross stated that Wednesdays in the Watershed is continuing every 4th Wednesday. Jim Walter will be giving a lecture next Wednesday on Live Staking before the Open Space meeting.

c. Pond to Wetland Conversion - Ms. Ross

Ms. Ross stated that the intent to award has been issued on the project. The township engineer is reviewing all of the contracts. It should begin in the next few weeks. Ms. Ross stated that this will be the big project next year at Community Service Day.

d. EAC Day of Community Service - Date and Projects - Group

Ms. Ross stated that she sent out the list of donations prior to the meeting. Wegmans donated \$200, which will cover most of the food. Rita's Water Ice will come out and provide \$300 worth of water ice. Ms. Ross then listed the remaining donors.

Ms. Ross stated that the EAC purchased 24 trees for the basins from Gino's Nursery. Mr. Weremeychik stated that he spoke to Lowes and they need a specific list of items that are needed because they do not give gift cards. Once they receive a list they will see what they can do.

Ms. Brown stated that some type of fencing would be needed for this year's projects.

Mr. Weremeychik stated that we have two rolls of fencing already.

Ms. Brown stated that should be sufficient.

Ms. Ross stated that we have new gloves, trash bags, and vests donated from "Keep Pa Beautiful".

Ms. Weremeychik stated that she would like to make a poster with QR codes that will take the user to written information, instead of handing out pamphlets, at Warrington Day. The codes will eliminate the handouts and save paper.

Ms. Ross then listed the projects to be done on Community Day.

Mr. Baratz will pick up water and ice from Wawa.

Everyone will meet at Lions Pride Park at 8:00am. The event will start at 9:00am on 5/20.

e. Open Space Update - Ms. Ross

Ms. Ross stated that the lecture series is from 7:00 to 7:30 either by Zoom or in person.

Ms. Ross went out with Heritage Conservancy to Emerson Farms and reported that there are a lot of native plants and not a lot of invasive plants growing in the preserve. Not a lot of dead Ash trees either. Heritage was doing the baseline documentation for the Emerson Farms Conservation Easement.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-

There were no future agenda items.

6. ADJOURN

Ms. Brown made a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Crasto seconded the motion.

All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Baratz
EAC Secretary

