

## **Towamencin Township**

### **Environmental Advisory Council**

#### **Minutes of the March 14, 2023 Meeting**

**Present:** Rory Kelley  
Brett MacKay  
Joseph (Joe) Meehan  
Joyce Snyder (Board of Supervisors Liaison)  
David Kraynik (Township Manager)  
Donna Hegge

**Absent:** Amy Mawby

**Guest:** Kofi Osei

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

#### **Opening Comments**

None.

#### **February 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Joe Meehan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Donna Hegge seconded the motion, and all present agreed in favor of approving the minutes.

#### **Old Business**

##### 1. Clean Energy Resolution:

On March 8, 2023, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) asked Township staff to review the resolution. David Kraynik sent the resolution to department heads and will receive written responses by March 21, 2023. Ready for 100 is no longer under the Sierra Club. The EAC members agreed to change 'equity' to 'accessible to all' in the resolution. Kofi Osei thanked the EAC for the presentation at the March 8 BOS meeting. He thinks the resolution has a good synergy with the Township sidewalk study and the North Penn School District structural renovations. Rory Kelley mentioned that the EAC looks to work with the North Penn High School ENACT club and Upper Gwynedd EAC. Colleen Ehrle sent Rory Kelley information to clarify the Township building heating system. Joyce Snyder to check if both the administration and police buildings have geothermal heating systems or just the administration building. The EAC members will review the resolution and ensure that the goals are aspirational.

2. Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) Stream Clean-up 2023:

The event is on 4/15/23. Amy Mawby will be the site leader for the Fischer's Park location and Rory Kelley may be the site leader for the Chatham Village location. Joyce Snyder will lead the North Penn High School JROTC members along the Kriebel Road trail. Rory Kelley asked David Kraynik to determine if Public Works can pick up trash bags from the clean-up.

3. Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) Rain Garden Workshop:

The rain garden workshop will be on 4/27/23 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Amy Mawby sent promotional material to Colleen Ehrle and the event has been advertised.

4. Towamencin Day 2023:

Towamencin Day will be on 5/13/23. The EAC table theme will be Clean Energy. Rory Kelley will contact PECO and ask if they'll attend and present Clean Energy information. Members will bring ideas for materials to present at Towamencin Day to the April EAC Meeting.

5. Electronics Recycling Event 2023:

The event will be held on 6/24/23 at the North Penn High School as in previous years. The Township sponsors this event. The EAC and North Penn High School ENACT club will advertise the event. ENACT sponsors their own electronics recycling event.

**New Business**

1. No Mow May:

Joyce Snyder suggested that the EAC may want to look into 'No Mow May' where residents refrain from cutting their lawns in May to support pollinators. The Township could suspend the lawn height restriction for May.

2. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on 4/11/2023 at 7:00 pm.

Joyce Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm, Brett MacKay seconded the motion, and all present agreed in favor of approving the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hegge, EAC Committee