

**Towamencin Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Minutes of the March 12, 2024 Meeting**

Present: Rory Kelley, Brett MacKay, David McCreary, Kelly Bonsignore, Joseph (Joe) Meehan, Donna Hegge, Vanessa Gaynor
Joyce Snyder - Board of Supervisors Liason
Richard (Rich) Costlow - Associate Member
Bruce Bailey- Guest

1. Call to order: 7:03pm
2. Opening comments: Agenda early and time to review to be more efficient with time
3. Public Comments- none
4. Minute Approval motion by Rory, Brett seconded minutes accepted as amended
5. Towamencin Day planning
 - a. Purpose - agree on a theme and discuss ideas
 - b. Combined Environmental Fair during Towamencin Day, May 11. Rory will reserve four spots for the Environmental Action Committee. Ideas to attract children to keep them occupied so parents could be available to learn about the environment.
 - i. Theme: Stormwater and stormwater runoff, MS4: *From Yards to Rivers* (Joe motioned, Vanessa seconded. Approved)
 - ii. PA resource council
 - iii. Behmerwald, David Brothers for native plants (Donna)
 - iv. PECO
 - v. Penn State Extension, master gardeners, dirt and gravel road pollution prevention program (Rich)
 - vi. Perkiomen Watershed (Rory)
 - vii. Stormwater symposium
6. Old Business
 - a. Joe will share the list of stormwater basins and David will create a map. We could possibly have a map created to have people look at it and provide input at Towamencin Day
 - b. 2024 planning discussion-
 - i. Rory proposed a PWC Rain Barrel workshop. David made motion, Donna seconded
 - ii. Sapling Sale: <https://tpevents.org/school/4108>

iii. NPHSEnAct Newsletter sign-up Green

Gazette https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-o-bvUIB5Yoe-kJImUKOyci-vYkvan1x_mrhf1HyxTN6CerQ/viewform

- c. Stormwater symposium recap: Multi-county effort to reduce flooding in the Lower Perkiomen area. Lots of good efforts but no coordination. Comprehensive flood mitigation planning. EPA pfa forever chemicals, relatively safe in Towamencin. Good feedback for information. Slide show in the EAC drive, and info obtained.
- d. Feather flag purchase from 2023 - Vanessa will email suggestions for flag and ordered
- e. Administrative discussion- assessment of information availability for EAC members

7. Township Updates - no update

8. Budget - rain barrel workshop

9. Upcoming Events

- a. PWC Stream Cleanup - April 13th; 6 sites in Towamencin
- b. Invasive Species cleanup April 20th- Dave McCreary and Bruce Bailey to do planning
- c. Towamencin Day - May 11th
- d. Anything with a plug June 8th

10. New Business

- a. Tree bank for urban reforestation collaborative - suggested by Rich

11. Adjournment Rory motioned, Joe approved, Brett seconded. Adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Bonsignore, Secretary