

**Towamencin Township  
Environmental Advisory Council  
Agenda for the October 8th, 2024 Meeting**

**Present:** Rory Kelley, Brett MacKay, Vanessa Gaynor, David McCreary, Kelly Bonsignore  
Rich Costlow- Associate Member  
Joyce Snyder - Board of Supervisors Liaison  
Colleen Ehrle- Director of Administration

**Absent:** Joseph (Joe) Meehan  
Donna Hegge

1. Call to order, 7:02pm
2. Opening comments- 2nd associate member plans to be interviewed tomorrow. Not confirmed.
3. Public Comments- none
4. Approval of minutes: August minutes- motion to approve Kelly, David McCreary seconded  
September minutes- motion to approve with corrections: Rory, David McCreary seconded
5. Old Business
  - a. 2024 project updates
    - i. No Mow inventory update- Brett/Vanessa- David and Vanessa have one more site to visit. Still sensible to use Township building to start due to the amount of thistle. Property owners are required to control the spread of thistle, as per township ordinance. Meadow revitalization is recommended for the township front. When the Veterans Memorial Park becomes a park so it would no longer be a No Mow and another area would need to be identified. BeeandButterflyFund.org recommends an organic, year and a half long process for creating a Meadow. Bradford and Callery Pears and thistle need to be eliminated with chemicals using DCNR for best practices. Need to talk to Public Works for what is feasible, with a plan for continued maintenance. Funding and manpower maintenance could be an issue. The goal is less expense and less maintenance. Mary Stover is willing to brainstorm ideas and do site visits later this month to apply for the 2025 PWC \$5000 grant. The Anders Road area may be a good area to control stormwater and meadow maintenance.
    - ii. Public Works Meeting- Rory will let us know when the meeting with Public Works and Dave Kraynik will be.
    - iii. NPHS renovation letter- Energy Star Certification could be a more attainable goal during the renovations, compared to LEEDS certification. Energy Star Certifications requires a Professional Engineer to verify. Aspects of both environmental measures are beneficial and feasible. After approval of the letter with the other EACs, Rory will discuss with EnAct and offer them support for their initiative. Plans for voting on the letter in November.
    - iv. Birdtown PA- To move forward, the committee plans to speak with Dave about approval. January board meeting is the target date. \$100, registration form, to formalize the committee. Report submitted annually. The township board needs to formally approve a resolution for Birdtown. Rory made a motion for EAC to approve a birdtown subcommittee. Vanessa seconded.
  - b. Budget discussion ('24 and '25)- Reviewed 2024 expenditures to date.
6. New Business

a. We Conserve PA EAC Conference review- Vanessa attended three workshops, parking reform and environmental impacts; energy audit on the township buildings; meadow conversion in Lansdale. She will share the slides when she receives them.

7. Township Updates- Colleen shared that Retreivr was finally signed and our township is on the site now to publicize it. Board of Supervisors will be advertising a new recycling ordinance for recycling performance grant adjustment. There's a new coordinator for the county.

8. Upcoming Events

a. Electronics Recycling Collection by Pennsylvania Resources Council - White's Road Park - Thursday, October 10 (9am - 1pm)

b. NPHS EnAct Electronics Recycling November 9th (10am-1pm)

c. PWC Workshop - Converting Lawn To Garden - November 14, 2024 (6:30-7:30)

9. Any other business and closing

10. Adjournment Rory made a motion to adjourn, Brett seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm

11. Next meeting November 12, 2024 at 7pm