

Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)

10 June 2025

Attendees: Chad Clem, Jeff Cogshall, Heidi Shiver, Curt Sawyer, Erich Neal, Andrea Mergner, Judy Dixon

❖ Welcome

- Andrea introduced us to the township's new intern, Christian.
- We also had 2 guests, who are considering joining our EAC: Jeff Buckwalter and Tim Bergere.

❖ Public Comment: none

❖ Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025 – approved

❖ Budget Review – New format; current balance is: **\$4701.07**

❖ Old Business

- Open EAC position
 - Our 2 guests are considering the position and attended the meeting to learn more.

❖ New Business

- Fall planning – speaker series, etc. for August Building opening
 1. Bird Safe Doylestown presentation to share the results of the pilot during spring migration and window strikes in Doylestown.
 2. Winter workshop: Predator Guards using “stovepipes” – need 18 at least for our current nesting boxes. Fall workshop could be a joint venture with young people... like Girl Scouts



3. Challenges for bats (similar to those for bird plus white nose syndrome)
 4. Presentation on Native Plants –Barabara to present again? We should also urge garden centers to suggest natives.
- Land Ethics Symposium August 29, 2025: presentation by Nancy Lawson (who wrote the Humane Gardener); Chad will plan to attend; Jeff as alternate.
 - Bucks Conservation District Watershed Grant - June 21: Confirm participation and finalize logistics; maximum of 50% would come from EAC; we have \$4000+?
 - Review of Barn Theatre plans
 - Tabling at Summer Concerts? Wednesday evenings already begun... goes through the end of August. Heidi will send out a doodle poll of who can help.
 - EAC Presentation to Board of Supervisors – June 17: Prepare slides, talking points, and handouts,
 - National Night Out, August 5 from 4-8 PM – Prepare outreach materials from our EAC to be shared.
 - Emerging threat of Beech Leaf Disease and impact on Harts Woods – Assess impact on Hart's Woods; develop a monitoring plan.
 - Bucks Beautiful Fall Grant Application – need to draft and submit application

- Mosquito & Tick Spray Companies and negative impacts on the environment. Chad offered to write an article to provide information about environmental risks of commercial pesticide use.

❖ **Ongoing Business**

- HOA Engagement:
 - Westwyk project: Provide follow-up support.
 - Progress Drive: Reschedule postponed meeting for summer.
- Climate Action Plan – Await official adoption by Supervisors.
- Education about Deer – Develop educational materials and strategy
- Native Plant Demo Garden:
 - Approved \$1100 for planting and Japanese stiltgrass remediation.
 - Ongoing workdays (4th Saturdays, 9–11 AM).
- Water Basin Garden:
 - Workdays scheduled for Thursday afternoons.
- Heritage Tree Program – Advertise widely; Marcello to assess tree foliage for selection
- Lighting – Erich to initiate discussion regarding Central Park lighting at future meeting
- Bird Town PA and YMCA Demo Garden Updates –
 - Approved \$409.93 for Prairie Dropseed plants.
 - Heidi and Marcello to lead review of garden viability; coordinate Girl Scout involvement.
 - Monitor Bird Safe Doylestown initiative at Justice Center; recruit early-morning volunteers for bird retrieval.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Cogshall.