Environmental Advisory Council Meeting
Approved Minutes March 21, 2024
Held in East Fallowfield Township Building

Attendees: John Nielsen, Jeanne Berlin, Paul Brenner
Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm

1. Approval of February minutes tabled due to lack of quorum.
2. April Events: East Fallowfield Park Clean-up will be April 6 from 9 until noon and then 2 until 4:00; April 16 there will be a propagation workshop and talk with Dale Hendricks (120 Wilmington Road); On April 20 there is an Earth Day event at 3pm at the Old Courthouse in West Chester.
3. "Clean Energy to Communities" program: JN found that free technical expertise is available, and has been applied for. We are waiting to hear results.
4. Stroud Water Research will be planting trees in East Fallowfield Park, along Dennis Run as a "forested buffer zone". No volunteers are needed at this time. Wilson Lambert will be checking to see if middle school students (or perhaps a scouting group) may wish to get involved after the trees are established, perhaps forming an environmental group. JN will attend "National Water Day" at Stroud on March 22.
5. COG (Council of Governments): With the help of John McHugh and Jim Wylie, seven nearby townships plan to form a regional EAC. First meeting will be Wednesday. Meetings will be held the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30- location will rotate between municipalities. This month's speaker will be Maurice Sampson.
6. New Business:
   -Cleanup of the Brandywine, organized by Brandywine Red Clay Alliance, will be held April 20 at 8 am. JN and JB plan to attend.
   -The township received a letter from Verizon regarding installing a cell tower at the township's recycling center, but EF does not own the property (so no fees will come to the township if it is built).
   - An email was sent to Tony Gangguzzo of Boyle Construction Management, a presenter at East Fallowfield meeting, regarding the new township building site and our EAC goals.
7. Old Business:
   - Field Mowing: JB suggested that the field at East Fallowfield Park be cut only once each year (except for the walking paths). This would allow the pollinators to take advantage of the plants that bloom, like milkweed, rather than cutting them down before they bloom, (along with any chrysalis that might be attached). At this time no money changes hands with the farmer that hays the field. JB pointed out that changing it to a once per year cutting may add an expense to the township, if the farmer does not agree to that new schedule. JN will speak to the farmer.
   -Plastic Ban: Penn Environmental has a sample ordinance. JN will bring it to the next meeting.
   -Naming of Creek: Now that Shale Run has become the official name of the creek along North Caln Road, JB suggested that we move forward on naming the creek along Misty Patch Road.

JN motions to adjourn meeting. PB seconds. Meeting adjourns at 7:33 pm.