

## 6/21/23 Buckingham EAC Meeting Minutes

**Present:** R. Foster, D. Robb, A. Strout, D. Smith, L. Mein

**Absent:** S. Yerkes, J. Walter

**Visitors:** Stephanie Weisser, Taylor Radmore (via Zoom)

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

### **New business**

- The May EAC meeting minutes were reviewed, discussed and approved
- Buckingham Day, June 29: The EAC table will be represented by Don, Jim and Laura. Children's activities will again include a poster drawing, this time on the theme of "Protect Our Water," the resulting poster to be displayed in the township building. Set up will be at 10 AM. Jim was contacted via text message to ensure he has and will bring the EAC banner.
- A brief discussion on native plant meadows was held. Don has a video posted to Instagram showing the value of his small meadow; he will provide a link to it for posting on the township website with an invitation to residents to also show pictures of their meadows, pollinator plants and other native plantings

### **Old/ongoing business**

- **Single-use plastic survey update:** The survey will be "pushed" during Buckingham Day and will close on July 3
- **Roundtable:** The theme of the day will be "Potable Water." It is anticipated that each topic will take 15 – 20 minutes for both presentation and questions. Topics for the roundtable were finalized as follows:
  - **Where does your water come from?** Our limestone substrate and the impact of this on local hydrogeology and well water. What about the abandoned quarries in the area? Maggie to be consulted on who within the Public Works department can be tapped to provide information on both public and private water sources and Buckingham hydrogeology
  - **Well Water:** what's in your water? Jim will provide information on well water and well water testing.
  - **Landscaping:** How does your landscape and its treatment and upkeep impact our water?
  - **Storm water:** How does your landscape impact run-off? How does this impact our surface water, particularly our creeks and streams?
- **Tree-grants, planting-outreach update:** Discussion on this topic was tabled in Jim's absence
- **Reforest Buckingham project:** Laura will reorder the HOA list to make it easier to use. A separate meeting of Jim, Laura, Don and Andrea will be held to draft a letter to HOAs describing the availability of trees, the application process and the timeline will be held this week to enable the tree request to go in to the county in a timely manner

- **Township website:** The “Helpful Hints” page is difficult to find. It would be preferable for a link to be established on the website’s homepage without having to navigate to the EAC first. This season’s helpful hints should be ready to post prior to the next EAC meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Smith  
Secretary and Vice Chair