

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP
Meeting Notes for March 20, 2024**

In Attendance: Heidi Shiver, Lisa, Braud, Matthew Braud, Barabara Rintala, Chris Polis, Susan Pierson, Don Robb, Stephanie Weisser, Barbara Beck, Linda Grey, Jim Walter, Ruth Foster, Andrea Stoud

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by co Chair Jim Walter. The February EAC Minutes were approved moved by Andrea and seconded by Don.

Barbara Beck presented to the group on asking if Buckingham would become a Birdtown. The group discussed the actions needed to become a birdtown. Jim noted that most of the requirements are already being done by the township. The EAC would need form a Birdtown subcommittee and recruit volunteers. Andrea suggested that we could recruit volunteers for the committee through the bird store in Buckingham.

The group discussed their impressions of the Water-quality roundtable In general the group felt that this was a very positive event. Several attendees suggested an additional event targeting landscapers. It was suggested to share PFAS testing results from the Public Wells and other reports DEP may have in the Township. The question was raised if there are any regulations requiring private well owners comply and what the township can do to be as helpful as possible. Several suggested that we need to advertise more in advance of the next roundtable and to record and post the recording for those who could not attend. It was also suggested that we us microphones as it was sometimes hard to hear.

As a follow up-E-waste Recycling Event at CB East October 21st 2023 Andrea will attend the Solebury even on April 4th to observe how they handle the event.

Communications: Spring Tips, Helpful page

Lisa Braud and Andrea have been working together on flyers, etc. to standardize. Same logo on every document. A big upgrade in Communications.

Meadow Update : The State is moving forward with the meadow grant for Holicong park. The group discussed Signs for meadow and trees to explain why they are important. Penn State has a sign already designed for meadows but we are looking for a sig for tree plantings. Andrea suggested Doylestown may have a design already. Soil preparation will begin mid summer with meadow planting in the fall.

The EAC discussed planting trees again in Holicong park this fall in collaboration with East high school. Jim will check on tree availability and Andrea will liaison with the school.

The Buckingham EAC Native plant Sale is May 11th at Hansell Park 10-12 noon. We will not be taking plant reservations this year. First come first serve. Maggie will Reserve the pavilion. Jim will send out a proposed selectin of plants based on those available at Kind Earth. Andrea and Lisa will draw up a flyer and the township will send out.

Andrea requested to sign up for a Climate Action Plan course. She's working for Community Advocates for Clean Energy and is preparing a sign made of a house with programs available in SE PA that show incentives and credits you can get from the Inflation Reduction Act and programs. The EAC will use at Buckingham days.

The group discussed the proposed reptile cross at Upper Mountain road and the need to get this before the supervisors so the Heritage conservancy can move forward with Grant application to fund the upgrade.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10