



**Warrington Township  
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Minutes of the Hybrid Zoom/In-Person Meeting  
March 1, 2023**

- 1. Call To Order, Pledge of Allegiance:** Fred Suffian, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:32pm. Present were Fred Suffian, Chairman; Ivy Ross, Vice Chairman; Todd Baratz, Secretary; Fred Gaines, Supervisor; Ruth Schemm; Barbara Brown, Member; Guy Powell, Member; Nick Weremeychik, Member; Adele Weremeychik, Member; Marilyn Laurelli, Member; Amy Crasto, Member; Bonnie Stetson, Member; Jake Kornegay, Member; Scott Vogin, Bike and Hike Liaison; James Keyser, Park and Rec Liaison.

Mr. Suffian led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2. Public Comment:**

Attending from the public - Zijun Xu and Drew Soltys  
There was no public comment.

- 3. Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Weremeychik motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Kornegay seconded.  
All were in favor.

- 4. Business:**

- a. Master Plan Update – Ms. Laurelli**

Ms. Laurelli reported that the last meeting was on 2/9. She reported that the group discussed the disturbance of the wildlife. There was a discussion about the trails and meadows.

Ms. Laurelli reported that Ms. Ross discussed the proposed meadow installation.

Ms. Laurelli stated that reforestation was also discussed.

Ms. Laurelli reported that passive recreation will not have an impact on wildlife.

Ms. Laurelli stated that the next meeting is on 3/9 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be discussing wetlands

Ms. Ross stated that the committee should discuss deer management.

Ms. Ross reported that she will try to have the first mow at Mill Creek preserve in March.

- b. Wednesdays in the Watershed - Mr. Suffian**

Mr. Suffian reported that a group of Penn State watershed stewards visited last week and removed some invasives along the Morning Walk trail.

The next Wednesday (3/22) they will be doing live steaking.

Mr. Suffian stated that Ms. Ross put together the description of the event in the Warrington E-Link. The event will occur at 1:00pm on Saturday 4/1.

Ms. Ross reported that she will be ordering the live steaks on 3/2 and will be paid for by a grant.

The Penn State extension will be planting 100 live steaks on 4/1

Mr. Suffian reported that the 4th Wednesday in April invasives at the Weisel Preserve will be removed.

**c. Pond to Wetland Conversion - Ms. Ross**

Ms. Ross stated that a pre-bid meeting was held on site two weeks ago. Princeton Hydro (the construction manager) came out as well as 6 potential bidders.

Ms. Ross reported that 10 companies may be interested in bidding on the project.

Ms. Ross reported that bids close on 3/7.

Ms. Ross stated that the construction period will be 4 to 6 weeks.

**d. Sustainability Ideas for Pool Grant - Ms. Ross**

Ms. Ross reported that the township is putting in for a grant to replace the family pool that is 80 years old. The grant requires a sustainability component. Ms. Ross asked the EAC for input on ideas for the sustainability component.

Mr. Kornegay suggested shade trees.

Ms. Ross stated that the best option would be to put solar panels on the roof of the pool facility. Excess power could be used by other township facilities via virtual net metering.

Mr. Xu suggested the use of UV sterilization of the pool to save on chlorine.

Ms. Schemm suggested that any resident of Warrington can comment at the beginning of the Supervisors meeting. She encouraged people to use this time to get the EAC message out.

Mr. Gains also recommended that people come to the Supervisors meeting to recommend the use of solar panels.

Mr. Gains reported that the pool will likely cost \$3.5 million and the grant only pays 50% so adding expensive solar panels may not be financially feasible.

Ms. Ross stated that if adding solar panels helps the township win the grant then it may provide the necessary value.

Ms. Ross also stated that the grant will be submitted on 4/5.

Ms. Schemm suggested that the solar panels should be boiled down to 2 or 3 large points without having too much data.

**e. EAC Day of Community Service - Date and Projects - Group**

Ms. Ross asked the group if May 20 (rain date May 21) would work for everyone. There were no objections.

Ms. Ross stated that the Pavilion at Lion's Pride Park could be used.

Ms. Ross also asked if having the event should be from 9:00am to 12:00pm to preclude having to serve lunch. There were no objections.

Ms. Ross asked Mr. Suffian to show the list of projects that they came up with so far.

Ms. Ross reported that we still need to naturalize two more basins to meet the state MS4 requirement.

Ms. Ross stated that Buttercup Basin needs to have rock berms added in order to complete the basin for MS4.

The list of projects proposed:

Basins

- Buttercup Basin - add rock berms
- Pickertown and Folly Road - plant 10 new trees
- Sarahs Lane - Plant 10 new trees and general maintenance
- Morning Walk - maintenance and remove invasives

Pollinator Gardens

- Butterfly Garden at IPW
- Lower Nike
- Weisel Preserve

Rain Garden Maintenance

Edible Forest at Lower Nike - plant 6-8 new edible shrubs

Lower Nike Trail Maintenance

Flower Planting at Lions Pride, IPW and Memorial Garden

Ms. Ross stated that the Parks and Recreation committee has shown an interest in working with the EAC for Day of Community Service. Ms. Ross informed them that could come as a committee and the EAC would work with them on a project.

Ms. Weremeychik motioned that we spend \$300 to purchase flowers for Day of Community Service. Ms. Ross suggested that we spend up to \$1500 for all of the materials and expenses for Community Service Day. Mr. Baratz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**f. Open Space Update - Ms. Ross**

Ms. Ross reported that as of last night the Supervisors approved putting the 2A and 2B easements over the remaining 1000 acres of the Weisel Preserve.

Ms. Ross stated that in April we will start the lectures on environmental activism (second Wednesday of every month). The lectures will last for 30 minutes.

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-**

Mr. Vogin stated that a Boy Scout was going to rehab a trail at the "V" of the Bradford Dam trail.

Mr. Vogin also stated that there is talk of doing a project at the fishing site of the Bradford Dam trail.

**6. ADJOURN**

Ms. Weremeychik made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Powell seconded the motion.

All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Baratz

EAC Secretary