

**DURHAM TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Minutes**

**FEBRUARY 15, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**

**DURHAM TOWNSHIP MEETING ROOM &**

**VIRTUAL MEETING ACCESS: <https://meet.google.com/eyw-kfzi-zqo>**

**1. Call to Order.** 7:02 DJ, LO, SW, AA, CM

**2. Approval of the November 16, 2021, EAC Meeting Minutes.**

Motion:DJ, 2nd: LO Approved: 5-0

**3. Committee Reports:**

A. Outreach and Publicity – Arlene.

- i. Daniele updated the webpage to reflect proper term expiration dates
- ii Facebook page updated but traffic is “light”.

A. Environmental Town Watch – Sarah.

No report - Sarah absent

A. Supervisors’ Meeting review – David/Lois.

I. Bucks County Mosquito control program approved. Bart requests ingredient list from County

II. Solomon Asser farm approved for agricultural security zone; former Mignatti property on Spring Hill Road

A. Clean-up and Recycling – Stephen.

a. Next Route 611 cleanup: April 2 - 9:00 AM - 212 & 611

b. EAC adopt-a-highway sign has been restored to its proper place by PennDot. “25 Year” sticker to be added to the sign by Stephen.

c. Large Item clean-up Saturday, April 23rd, 8 AM - Noon

Tires (4), Latex paint (dry), Freon items - \$20 fee,

A. Walk in Penn’s Woods – Carl.

a. October 2 - Sunday - Williams Township - details to be confirmed

b. Discussion regarding forestry plans vs. logging plans. David mentioned how accommodating the forester who handled the Dr. Torpie property was to the EAC when he was mapping out trees to be removed. Not every forestry planner will be as accommodating, we understand.

A. Cooks Creek Watershed Conservation Plan/Streambank Study:

a. Walking Tour to be scheduled of Cooks Creek to study changes in Creek's status following the flooding from a few months ago

**4. New Business:**

A. Carbon Offsets Program - Lois researching program for property owners to sell carbon offsets - 30 acres or more - \$15 - \$35 per acre per year for land that is maintained as forest land. Lumber pricing is quite high now depending on species of tree, therefore, species on land will determine whether cutting down trees or preserving forest land for carbon offsets will provide higher return for landowner.

**5. Old Business:**

A. Cooks Creek walking tour - see above

B. Township wall mural painting - LO - Low priority for township now

C. Tree measuring - LO - in limbo pending better weather -

D. CCWA Map - DJ

. Final edit to map done.

a. Lehigh Valley watershed association has received a grant to print indoor copies for Springfield and Durham

b. CCWA applied for grant for outdoor suitable version of map; awaiting results of that application.

c. EAC will proceed once map is finalized.

E. David has reached out Regional EAC to learn more about deer control options. Coyotes are also doing a good job.

**6. Adjourn - 7:54 PM** Next EAC meeting is Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m.