

# DURHAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

May 21, 2024

Draft Minutes

DURHAM TOWNSHIP MEETING ROOM

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/qae-otvt-qfo>

## 1. Call to Order 7:05 PM

- a. Present: BT, LA (zoom), AA, SW, DJ, CM
  - i. Citizen attendees:
- b. Absent: Jeff K., Jeff H., SS
- c. Quorum: Yes

## 2. Approval of the April 2024 EAC Meeting Minutes.

Motion: DJ      2nd: AA      Vote: 6 :0

## 3. Committee Reports:

### a. Arlene

- Outreach and Publicity - No report
- Email/Patch schedule (who can complete)
  - BT will advertise on Patch
- Hike/Quarterly Event follow up
  - Fuller Preserve - Slifer Valley Road west of Walnut Lane
  - June 8 @ 8 AM - should we continue to advertise given parking restrictions. 793 views on NextDoor.
  - BT visited Springfield Township Manager, Rich, to discuss parking solutions. Solution = yellow cones and signage that he will requisition and print out and install. BT notified Springfield PD and they were on board.
  - BT suggests that we use the EAC/DT email blast list to advertise event
  - BT believes 30 reasonable parking spaces available.

### b. Lois

- Tree Measuring - nothing new to share

### c. Stephen

- Cleanup - nothing new

### d. Carl

- Stutz Dam
  - May 30th - Planting with Wildlands -
  - April 22. CM met with the landowner and environmental engineer.
  - Soil samplings done to determine perimeter of wetlands. Discussion of ground water levels and any permitting needs. Discussion of "bundling" with American Grill property re: invasive species issues. Complication is that A.G. is in different township and watershed.

“Bundling” increases size and scope of project which affects granting issues. “Little project” vs. “Big project” based on bundling or not bundling.

- Walk in Penn’s Woods (site?)
- 611 flooding/PennDot/Site visit

BT mentioned Great American site visit possibility with township supervisors who expressed no reservations.

e. Blake

- Environmental Town Watch

Pete removed a mattress from Rattlesnake Road

1. Upcoming costs (if applicable)

EAC Table at RiverFest - July 13 - Saturday - 10 AM to 4 PM- at Silver Creek - AA reminds us that we still have the supplies that were not used at the canceled Durham Day. Extension cord should be brought to power the computer.

2. STEM update (Birdnet/Jeff)

Jeff K. still working on it.

3. Homeowner Access

BT shared request for access with “everyone”. Responses very positive so far.

4. Springfield EAC letter

Meeting is Tuesday night in Springfield. DJ suggests that Danielle faxes signed letter requesting joint cooperation between the two township’s EACs.

5. EAC “Meet and Greet” (if applicable)

Unattended by BT given time conflict during the middle of the work day.

f. David

- Watershed Conservation Plan

Waiting for kick-off meeting with Princeton Hydro. Maybe this week.

Lower Saucon did a plan within the last 2 years - to be used as a starting point. Walk is planned for Fall. Grant has 3 year completion deadline. DJ optimistic that the grant should easily be completed before that.

- Creek and River Festival - July 13th - volunteers: SW, BT, AA  
T-shirts and tote-bags finished by “Solid Products” at Wehrungs.  
Excellent results.

4 music acts. 2 speakers speaking. Fly-casting. B B gun shooting range. Gates open at 8; the event starts at 10. Free admission.

g. Applicable

- Board of supervisors’ meeting review

Lois - Durham Baseball Field invasives defeated BT despite his heroic

efforts to eradicate them. He will return year after year until he wins.  
Lois - Ed Childs' report says a meeting - township solicitor, township manager, engineer, applicants, lawyers all in attendance - occurred on May 14th re: Durham Springs application.

- Birdnet

4. Old Business:

- a. Membership follow up  
No applicants
- b. Cooks Creek Sign setup

5. New Business:

- a. Blake

- Trash caddy ideas  
To be continued
- Watershed sign planting ideas  
Jeff Karl has some natives to donate
- EAC presentation ideas (donations/presenters/etc)  
See above under Creek & River Festival
- Durham Mill planting/water issue mitigation  
David Oleksa spoke with Danielle. 2 masons and 2 engineers examined the site and determined that there were no structural issues despite the bulge. Water remediation measures have been proposed and it is expected that they will be implemented.

6. Adjourn - motion: BT 2nd: LA Vote: 6 - 0 Adjourned @ 8:55.

Next EAC meeting is Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m

Durham EAC Meeting