

DURHAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

August 20, 2024

Draft Minutes

Carle Robbins Pavilion

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

1. Call to Order 7:02 PM

A. Present: BT, LO, AA, SW, SS , DJ (virtual), Jeff K (left at 8:00)

i. Citizen attendees: Mishka

B. Absent: CM

C. Quorum: yes

2. Approval of the June 2024 EAC Meeting Minutes.

corrections: 1. Pavilion was the venue, 2. LO attended in person

Motion: BT 2nd: LO Vote: 7 : 0

3. Committee Reports:

A. Arlene

1. Outreach and Publicity

i. Creek and River Festival

Big turnout. Many stopped at our table. Many emails collected - about 26.

300 - 350 total attendance.

Advertising could have been better.

2. Hike Event follow up/Next Hike (Blake/Lake Nockamixon)

Blake reached out to Lake Nockamixon and spoke with Rachel Nazaruk. He will meet with her on 8/23 or 8/30. Specific date to be finalized. Will be meeting in the education room by the pool behind the marina.

December walk? Viewed favorably as a possibility

3. Walk in Penns Woods - Oct. 6 - Carl no report

B. Lois

1. Tree Measuring - no update

i. Suggestion to involve PHS Biology AP students

ii. Suggestion to use email blast to solicit local "tips" for potential old tree candidates

C. Stephen

1. Cleanup - NOV 9th - 9 AM - Blake will solicit volunteers via email

2. Trash Caddy Holders - Blake will experiment -

3. Blake will source a few more picker uppers with township funding.

D. Carl - not present

1. Walk in Penn's Woods (site?) (time?)
2. 611 flooding/PennDot/Site visit (Blake/business owner)

E. Blake

1. Environmental Town Watch

- i. Upcoming costs (if applicable)
 - a. Trash caddy follow up (BOS)
- ii. Homeowner Access (update/Bartley/Johanna)
 - a. Permissions to be sought from: remaining parties listed on distributed spreadsheet
 - b. Permissions received from: 24 out of 39
- iii. Township Birdnet installation at Township Building
 - a. Supervisors agreed to the birdnet installation. Install location to be determined by Blake. Maybe the pavilion roof could be used since there is access to power.
- iv. Jeff Heehs' resignation as associate member
 - a. Blake thanked him for the amazing planters he produced and all that he did for the EAC and the community
- v. PA Boat Commission & TCO follow up
 - a. Suggested that "no trespassing" signs be installed
- vi. Act 167 follow up
 - a. Durham is a highlighted community; they were impressed

f. David

1. Watershed Conservation Plan
 - a. Kickoff meeting with Princeton Hydro occurred
 - i. Cooks Creek walk scheduled for first two weeks in November - to be determined
 - ii. Princeton Hydro to develop a "Project Outline". Unknown if it was done. David will follow up.
 - iii. Area of concern: Springfield Supervisor approval required. They were pitched and approved granting permission. Final details to be worked out. There seems to be some uncertainties regarding walk details.
 - iv. David will follow up with Scott to learn more.
2. Blake created a spreadsheet of locations to be walked.

g. Sarah -

1. CCWA - Judy Siegfried's place - Led by David Winston - Plant workshop- September 28 - 10 - Noon - RSVP only -

h. Applicable

1. Board of supervisors' meeting review
 - a. Durham Springs next big development
 - b. Meeting to be held Sept 9 at 7PM at Riegelsville Firehouse.
Regular Planning Commission meeting
 - c. Senator Coleman working on a grant for cutting problem trees to help alleviate power outages.
 - d. Red Bridge bridge out till Sept. 1

4. Old Business:

- a. Membership follow up - nothing new

5. New Business:

- a. Durham Springs: environmental impact? Inventory? Support BOS within charter? Synergies?
 - i. Blake shared environmental maps relevant to Durham Springs proposal

6. Adjourn - motion: AA 2nd: DJ Vote: 6 - 0 Adjourned @ 8:18 .
Next EAC meeting is Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m

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