

DURHAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

February 18, 2025

FINAL

Minutes

Durham Township Meeting Room

Video call link:

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

1. Call to Order 7:02 PM

A. Present: BT, LO, AA, SW, CM (virtual), SS (Associate)

i. Citizen attendees:

B. Absent: JeK (Associate), JaK, DJ (Associate)

C. Quorum?: Yes

2. Approval of the January 21, 2025 EAC Meeting Minutes.

corrections:

Motion: AA 2nd: LO Vote: 5 - 0

3. Committee Reports:

A. Arlene

1. Outreach and Publicity

a. EAC has a "page" on Township website

b. History of Durham EAC by Stephen?

c. Blake formatted our "page"

i. Birdnet access on the page is proposed

ii. EAC videos to be created and posted?

1. Forestry video by Carl - sub-minute?

2. tree measuring video?

3. invasive species video?

2. Hike plan updates

a. March 22 @ 9 AM - Marina Visitor's Center

b. Hexenkopf - Arlene communicated with Mrs. Schmidt. To be discussed at Fry's Run March Meeting

B. Lois

1. Tree Measuring - on hold till weather improves

2. Mid-Atlantic water/Land evaluation update - Aggregating data needs to be done now that individual measurements have been accomplished.

C. Stephen

1. Cleanup - Next event - April 5 - 9AM

- a. Blake call to Ms. Venitra Starks/PennDot- volunteers/sign update
 - i. No response from PennDOT re: 30 year signage
- 2. Blake Follow up
 - a. Board of Supervisors concerned about indemnification re: using workers on probation, etc. Blake will research and re-present indemnification clause history that has already been created and approved.

D. Carl

- 1. Hike access for next year
 - a. No ideas for Oct Penn's walk at this time
 - b. Are we willing to travel away from the township
 - i. 5 k walk/bike tour through Township/Watershed including kayak/canoe segment?
 - ii. Bethlehem/Promenade Shop area
 - 1. Trail alongside electric towers right of way
 - a. Wildlands is starting to organize hikes there
 - i. Early Spring proposed - Carl will advise specific dates when finalized

E. Blake -

- 1. New Business
 - a. Upcoming costs:
 - b. [TIC \(trout in the classroom\)](#)
 - i. no updates from Mr. Chilton
 - c. Watershed Conservation
 - i. no update; responses hard to get
 - d. Durham Preserve riparian buffer
 - i. Blake presented to BOS - cow-milking, car parts, etc. Indemnification needs to be re-examined by BOS

F. Jasen

- 1. Organization of environmental inventory
 - a. Website updates
 - i. No update - Jasen regretfully has resigned from EAC

G. Applicable/Associate updates

- 1. Board of supervisors' meeting review -
 - a. Limitation of salt spreading on township roadways?
- 2. Environmental Town Watch:
 - a. Blake believes we are over-salting roadways to the detriment of our waterways

4. Old Business:

a.

5. New Business:

a. Timber Review

- i. If Bucks County approves, Township generally is satisfied
- ii. Blake will put some thoughts together into a document to share with EAC members for input
- iii. Bucks County will approve if Commonwealth's protocols are followed
- iv. 25% grade prohibits tree cutting; site appears to exceed 25% extensively
- v. Proposed BMPs are absolute minimums required
- vi. Lois will forward ordinance to Blake
- vii. Lary's Run is within 350 of the proposed cut. Lary's Run feeds EV rated Cooks Creek
 1. 24 Oaks/24 Poplars scheduled to be cut
 2. Scope of project is 1 year from Feb 2025 to Feb 2026

b. Penn State Water Steward Workshop (2026)

- i. Blake spoke to Kathleen Connally
 1. 2026 EAC sponsorship of Water Steward workshop done locally?
 2. 10 - 12 participants required - \$125 per person
 3. Blake will continue to formulate a proposal

c. Jasen Kerr submitted resignation from EAC

- i. Blake will forward resignation notice to Danielle

d. Carl has a contact for beaver control if needed

6. **Adjourn** - motion: CM 2nd: BT Vote: 5 - 0 Adjourned @ 9:12PM

Next EAC meeting is Tuesday, MARCH 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m

*February 18, 2025 DRAFT EAC Minutes submitted by EAC member Stephen Willey
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