

DURHAM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

March 18, 2025

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Minutes

Durham Township Meeting Room

Video call link:

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

1. Call to Order 7: 04 PM

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

i. Citizen attendees:

B. Absent: JeK (Associate)

C. Quorum?: Yes

2. Approval of the FEBRUARY 18, 2025 EAC Meeting Minutes.

corrections:

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

3. Committee Reports:

A. Arlene

1. Outreach and Publicity

a. Media, Webpage, other

i. Arlene suggests one link to consolidate all of EAC minutes for 2024

1. Doing so requires physical presence at Township Building to program their computer/website

2. Hike plan updates

a. Hexenkopf (Fry's Run meeting follow up)

i. Topic – volunteer work for trail maintenance

ii. Meet Jim at Hex. Park parking area - Monday APRIL 7

1. Carpool from Township building at 8:50AM - David driving

b. Hike Details

i. This Saturday at 9 AM

1. Hiking boots/sturdy shoes required

2. bring snack and water

3. Starts at Marina and returns to Marina

4. Meet at Visitor's Center

ii. Posted on DCNR website

B. Lois

1. Tree Measuring- No update
2. Mid-Atlantic water/Land evaluation update - No update

C. Stephen

1. Cleanup - Next event - April 5 - 9AM
2. Radon detector loan program
 - a. Stephen will write up salients for Blake to share with Township
 - b. Stephen loaned David his personal detector for initial evaluation
3. Blake Follow up
 - a. Indemnification update (gathering info).

D. Carl

1. **Hike** access for next year
 - a. No ideas for Oct Penn's walk at this time - no update. Same day as always in October
 - b. April & May and possibly into June have plenty of weekends available for volunteer opportunities for planting and/or site preparation of the property being considered
 - i. Currently working in PP&L rights of way using BMPs to increase conservation values with the hope that PP&L institutionalizes the utilized BMP processes for the future
 - c. 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: updates - no update
 - b. Boat Races
 - i. Blake has 3d printed tiny Durham Boats for racing
 1. He will bring his model next meeting
 - ii. Blake asks if EAC would be interested in making it an annual event
 - iii. DHS overseeing this year's June 7th event
 - c. [TIC \(trout in the classroom\)](#)
 - i. Travis on behalf of CCWA contacting Trout Unlimited.

Mark is busy with Union responsibilities. Dylan is on Sabbatical.

d. Watershed Conservation

- i. Paul and Blake will converse during Saturday hike
- ii. Mid-April target for draft delivery
- e. Durham Preserve riparian buffer
 - i. Blake has been doing cleanup. 50 tires or more in the dumping area.
 - ii. Backhoe tracks? Channeling?

F. Applicable/Associate updates

- 1. Board of supervisors' meeting review -
 - a. Forestry management plan requirement imposes actual specific parameters vs. current approach of a very generalized cutting plan done by the tree cutter
 - b. Current system has no follow-up post-cut to confirm that the cutting actually conformed to the plan that was permitted by the Township. Should EAC be allowed to inspect land after the cutting is done?
- 2. Environmental Town Watch:
 - a. Dogwood Road alongside Ulmer's fields - Bald Eagle spotted - possible Eaglet spotting
 - b. Female Eagle dead from Bird Flu. Male eagle has found a new mate.
 - c. Lots of trash spotted along roads

4. Old Business:

a. Timber: Updates

- i. Documentation for Timber work in the future (William Penn Forest)

We are in the PA Forest District #17 - William Penn Forest District -
845 Park Road, Elverson, PA 19520-9523 610-582-9660

- ii. PA State Service Forester will come to your property to share wisdom about potential forestry plans

b. Penn State Water Steward Workshop (2026)

Blake spoke with Kathleen Connally. At least 10 students needed. KC and Penn State do all of the promotion. Without 10 students, local course not doable. \$125 tuition - t-shirt and book provided. For Spring 2026 - 3 fieldtrips - instruction is remote. Consensus is that we look to Penn State Waterstewards to serve their volunteer hours doing projects of interest and need for EAC and Durham Township

5. New Business:

- a. Tony proposes to come as a resident of Holland Township to pitch our supervisors on the idea of Durham Township joining the Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River township program. Decision tabled for now.

6. **Adjourn** - motion: AA 2nd: BT Vote: 5 - 0 Adjourned @ 9:25 PM

Next EAC meeting is Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m

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