

EAC Summary

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

- **Planned Attendance:**

EAC:

- Ms. Gensemer, Ms. Garg, Mr. Aquilina, Mr. Putkoski, Mr. Cram, Mr. Lott, Ms. Hilyard, Ms. Lincoln, Ms. Goudie.
- Absences: Mr. Meyers

BOS:

- Jonn Callahan

Admin:

- None

Public:

- Karen Guerro and Tom Heisey

- **Announcements**

- See Facebook [Schuylkill Township EAC | Facebook](#)
- Events and Webinars
 - EAC Fall Gathering – **November 15th**
 - Mr. Aquilina, Mr. Putkowski, Ms. Goudie, and Mr. Meyers plan to attend. Mr. Aquilina will write to Valentina Mitter to request registration and payment for the event. Mr. Aquilina motioned, Mr. Putkoski seconded, all in favor of no more than \$400 planned spend.
- Grant Opportunities
 - Mr. Aquilina discussed the PHS - Trees for Watersheds Grant Program

- **Discussion**

- Approval of last month's minutes- Ms. Garg motioned, Mr. Aquilina second. All in favor.

- **Reports/Updates for Ongoing Projects**

- Fall Tree Giveaway
 - All 100 trees are registered, to verify residency from 10-12. No handouts due to high winds. CA to follow up with Octorara nursery delivery schedule since the office staff isn't in the office Friday.
- Clean-up projects
 - Spring Project Planning- Mr. Aquilina proposed Valley Park as venue.
- Township Building Renovation update
 - Mr. Callahan had no updates at this meeting.
- Sedgley Property
 - The next Public Meeting will be held November 13th at the PASD high school. Ms. Lincoln and Ms. Hillyard reviewed the past two public meetings details. They mentioned that more of the public was heavily interested in passive recreation. The plan timeline extends into 2029. Possible ideas such as Friends of Sedgley or Friends of Schuylkill. The property is being bailed. Mr. Cram discussed possibly creating a pollinator garden for a portion of it.
- Clean Energy
 - Mr. Callahan mentioned that a discussion with a representative from sustainable energy partner would be helpful during one of the next EAC meetings.
- Parks/Preserves
 - Redtail Update
 - Mr. Callahan- no objections from Redtail about the EAC requested plan updates. Mr. Cram asked for the map of seed disbursement.
 - Pickering Preserve
 - Recap of Mile-a-Minute Removal - Mr. Cram & EAC removed 53 bags of it.
 - Weeds Inc Quote- Mr. Cram continues to follow up on this objective. He asked if there will be budget for it.
 - Wood duck boxes discussion about use of concrete in the area to cement in the posts for the boxes.
 - Mr. Cram suggested the use of local Scouts (Eagle) or if there is a local high school environmental club to help maintain the bird boxes.

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- Ms. Hillyard updated on the purple martin house. It was paid for and delivered to the township. Roads crew can install the post now or in the spring. The bird house structure portion should be installed in April.
- Valley Park
 - Educational signs
 - No updates
 - Planting Project
 - Discussion on when to plant 12 trees/shrubs. 5 elderberries, 2 grey dogwood, 3 hackberries and 2 ninebarks (in the showcase area and the strip of land between walking trail and Valley Park Rd). They are equipped with tubes and nets.
 - EAC will plant these after the tree giveaway on Saturday November 1st.
 - Mr. Callahan confirmed that Ms. Getz said she would reach out to the county to request replacing trees on Creek Rd and Route 29 bridge replacement project.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Mr. Callahan mentioned the budget will be available before the end of the year.
- **Developments**
 - Convention Center at Valley Forge (1485 Valley Forge Rd)
 - Ms. Gensemer mentioned that if anyone wants the draft plan, you must fill out a right to know form.
 - Trails
 - No update
- **New/Other Business**
 - Next meeting November 25th, 7 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.