

# WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP



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## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR JULY 10, 2018

### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

Evelyn Burton, Paul DeVincenzo, John Miele, Robert Nicolodi, Marcel Smullen

**ABSENT** Jeff Bridi, Jay Megonnell

**FRIENDS OF THE EAC** Patti Estheimer, Carol Buskirk

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** The minutes of the June 12, 2018 meeting were approved as read.

### PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS

none

### SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS

### BUSINESS

- Township Gardens - Patti works on the rain garden as needed, and she and John have finished the planting around the flagpole at the Township Building. Plants have been transplanted from the large bed into the butterfly garden and other locations.
- Newsletter Article Deadline - July 20 - For the fall newsletter the EAC would like the entire rewritten recycling brochure included because of changes in the new WM contract. Marcel suggested an article with information on ragweed and goldenrod, the latter of which is an attractive native pollinator that does not cause severe allergy reactions like ragweed.
- Stormwater Park Signs - Skyline and Fairville - Evelyn presented the most recent draft of the signs, with changes noted. When the designs are finished, they will be sent to John and the Parks and Rec department for approval.
- National Night Out - Aug. 7, 6:00 - 8:00PM. - EAC members will assist with set-up, games, and any other task necessary. Shirts will be provided for volunteers, and John will request a commitment soon.
- WHT Festival - Aug. 18 4:00 - 8:00 PM. - The EAC will need one table for the native plant activity, in which participants will plant coneflower seeds and learn about the benefits of native plants in the environment.
- Bluebird Trails Updates - Marcel described how 3 orphaned bluebirds from Halifax were added to box #9 at Skyline, which already had 3 babies of the same age. Five of the six fledged. The new boxes at Lenker Park have a variety of birds nesting, including one with 4 bluebird eggs. One box has an unidentified speckled egg.
- WHT Big Trees - Gordon Oak - The WHT Big Tree Gordon Oak was destroyed by the F1 tornado, along with many other trees on the property.
- FISH Protocol - The scout from Troop 27 who is doing FISH protocol studies has completed 8 stream checks this season.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS

### MEETING ADJOURNED

Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 6:30 pm