

**WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC)**  
**Westtown Municipal Building, 1039 Wilmington Pike, West Chester, PA**  
**Tuesday, October 24, 2023 7:00 PM**

**Present:** EAC members Bob Yeats (Chair), Russ Hatton, Joe Debes, Meghan Hanney, and Adam Kapp.

**I. Call to Order**

Bob called the meeting to order.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

No motion was made to approve the minutes of September 26, 2023. The minutes will be reconsidered at the meeting of November 26.

**III. Public Comment (non-agenda items)**

None.

**IV. Old Business**

- A. Planning Commission Report** – Russ reported that the Planning Commission had recommended approval of the Westtown School’s Oak Lane project, and had discussed amendments to the zoning ordinance for parking, fire pits, fences, and managed meadows.
- B. Update on 2024 Budget Request** –The EAC discussed that funding for bid administration for solar panels had been cut from the 2024 proposed budget and that there was still \$2,000 in the EAC’s budget for next year, but that the Board had not made a decision or discussed the EAC’s managed meadow proposal.
- C. Update on Sustainability Workshop/Expo** – There was no discussion about this agenda item.
- D. Update on CRC Partnerships** – Joe reported that he attended the CRC/EAC tree planting event at the Cope Tract on October 21.
- E. Update on October 17 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting** – No one from the EAC attended the October 17 Park and Recreation Commission meeting, and the EAC’s request was not discussed.
- F. Update on Birdtown USA** – The EAC unanimously agreed to support a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors about the creation of a Birdtown USA committee and for the Township to take the necessary municipal actions to be eligible for Birdtown USA designation. It was reported that four residents expressed interest at Westtown Day in becoming members of a Birdtown committee

**V. New Business**

- A. Update on Crebilly Acquisition** – It was reported that the Township, in partnership with Natural Lands, was trying to get Crebilly Farm designated for eligibility for

funding through the American Battlefield Trust. If this occurs, the Trust has indicated that it may be able to close the \$3 million funding gap.

**B. B. Update from WeconservePa EAC fall gathering** – Bob reported that he and Ray attended this event, at which composting and reductions and prohibitions on single-use plastics were discussed.

**VI. BOS Report** – Joe will provide the November 20 Departmental Report. Adam offered to give the departmental report on December 19. It was reported that the next Conditional Use hearing on the development of the Stokes Estate will be on November 29 at 7:00pm.

**VII. Public Comment** - None

**VIII. Announcements**

None.

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jonathan Altshul*, Township Manager