

MINUTES OF THE EAC MEETING ON JANUARY 15, 2026

Meeting called to order with the following present: Kyle Kalemjian, Jim Warihay, Toni Gorkin, Susan Harris, Alexa Manning, Kathy Tracy, Katharina Henderson, and Esra Krause

Welcome Esra, our new EAC member

Elections: Jim Warihay, Chair, Toni Gorkin, Vice Chair, and Kathy Tracy, Secretary

The dates and times of future meetings have been approved as the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm

Old Business:

Minutes of the past meeting were approved

Updates of the Meadow Ordinance were discussed, and we decided that the section on meadows would read as voluntary registration under part (C), and the annual cutting (section 4) would continue to be at least annually with the height of not more than nine inches, but we recommended that the dates should be eliminated and replaced with “left intact until Mother’s Day or according to the website for best practices for specific perennials.

Heart of Uwchlan update: Toni reported that she has tidied up the pollinator garden next to the township building, and we have planted 40 jugs of native perennial seeds for the spring. She also cut elderberry and buttonbush stems for live staking.

We also removed a lot of invasives along the stream next to the wetlands garden last week. New fencing is needed for the magnolia garden, and Susan will send Toni the link for a grant for this. The Historic Commission wants to have a ceremonial tree planting at the township building for the 250th anniversary of our country around 4th of July. We had decided on 2 oaks near the parking lot where the walnut tree is now located but may have to rethink that if the walnut hasn’t been removed by then. Susan recommended Harmony Hill Nursery as a good source for the oaks. Kyle will work with Toni on a mounting pole for the certification plaque we received from Penn State, and this could be done at the plant giveaway in May.

New Business:

Uwchlan Township Healthy Yard Initiative: The Board of managers has given their permission for this and to post it on the township website. Esra recommended some changes and Jim will continue to work with West Vincent Township. We hope to announce it at the spring Plant Giveaway. They also provided us with a list of websites that may be able to be included for residents’ information. These may be used to update our own, and Toni will investigate this possibility. Lastly Rockwell will meet with us on Feb 4th to further discuss their plans for the Lionville Station Development.

2026 Plant Giveaway: Katharina submitted a spreadsheet with ideas and times for the day's events that include a book talk, refreshments, a presentation on native plants like last year, introducing the healthy yard initiative, and the plant giveaway at the end. We will need signs made up to place on the roadsides that can be reused in subsequent years, and info on the flashing sign at the entrance to the township building. We also discussed an EAC Instagram page instead of just being included on the Township one, and student volunteers.

Ideas for 2026

Shamona Park riparian buffer: Klye will take us on a walk next week to show us the locations he has in mind so we can get the right plants for this location and for the ruins.

Next Meeting: February 19, 2026