

# Upper Mount Bethel Township Environmental Advisory Council

Wednesday December 3, 2025

7 PM UMBT Township Building

**Call to Order:** Judy called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

**Roll Call:** Present- Dohl DiFebo, Alexandra Dutt, Alison Heinsohn, Judith Henckel, Courtney Gilmour (via phone) and BOS liaison David Friedman

**Approve or Amend December agenda:** Dohl made a motion to approve, Alex seconded the motion.

**Approve November minutes:** Dohl made a motion to approve the minutes, Courtney seconded the motion.

**Courtesy of the Floor/Public Comment:** None.

## Old Business

### Member status and student participation:

- Allison is on another commitment that has a meeting at the same time as EAC and does not wish to be reappointed. She would still like to be informed of events in case she can assist us.
- Alex is working with the Ecology Club to get a student liaison that could attend the meeting and report back to the school. This will be on the January agenda for the Ecology Club. Alex will check to see if this needs to go in front of the school board.
- Alex put in a letter to be reappointed. We are still working on getting another member to replace Allison's place.

*Wild & Scenic partnership approval vote - public meeting postponed by federal shutdown, new meeting date. EAC October approval recommendation letter to review and send.*

- Supervisor Friedman informed us that Tuscarora sent a letter opposing us joining Wild & Scenic.
- Dohl made a motion to approve us sending a recommendation letter to the board of supervisors, Allison seconded the motion.

### *Municipal building feasibility study comments solicited*

- The two major options would be to renovate this building, or build a new building at the park. It seems like it will be about the same amount of money to do both.
- Municipal building is not going to go where it was originally designated. It will be the corn field near Marshfield (near the treeline). There is a treeline that

will hide the building from the park. Road crew is going to just be at the Eastern Industries building, so this building would only be for the office.

- The current municipal building would need to be torn down, or it would have to be converted to something else. It is not ADA approved, the fire system is down, etc.
- The new building would be able to house police if we need it.
- There was talk at the Township in creating an emergency fund. But to get money out of an emergency fund, you need to have this approved by resolution and it is the same rate as the general fund, and you wouldn't need to get into it if there is an emergency.

*Education outreach/ EAC Facebook –*

- There was another Facebook page made, that we are going to try and have taken down as it is confusing people.

*EAC 2026 education programing – schedule monthly topics and events to generate community awareness, understanding and cooperation*

- Marsh Milkweed plants - we could grow these, potentially with the school.
- Our next meeting will be discussing and scheduling new events.

### **New Business**

*Second Chairs/Vice Chairs meeting – December 16, 2025; 7PM at the UMBT Township building. Email attached for discussion of EAC 2025 accomplishments and comments for 2026.*

- This will be a public meeting.
- This will be a review of what the committees did during the 2025 year.
- Judy made one for us, and we can look over it. If we like it she will send it to Cindy before this meeting.

**Public Q&A** - none

**Adjourn** - Judy adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm