

## WNEACmeetingminutesJune2023

Attendees: Donna Suevo, Martin Miller, Sue Devenny, Shari Donath, Richard Cole, and Shawn a resident of West Norriton

-Meeting called order at 7:10 pm

-May meeting minutes were approved

-Guest speaker from Bird Town Pa, Phil Whitmer, presented information on the Bird Town organization. The group works with townships and EACs to encourage residents to plant native plants. He discussed the connections amongst plants, insects and birds—they are coevolved with one another for food and healthy habitat. The group works with residents to encourage planting native plants. They also work to connect towns and townships as a network for the health of plants and animals.

He explained that townships get involved by passing a resolution first. A committee is then established to help promote the efforts. EACs are usually the group identified to coordinate and lead the effort in each location. Townships often adopt tree ordinances as part of the effort to become a Bird Town. The local committee or EAC then helps provide resources for home owners on what plants to grow, provide seeds, etc. The website for the organization which explains all of this and has resource for the public is [birdtownpa.org](http://birdtownpa.org).

-Sue reported that State Representative Joe Webster introduced House Bill 1275 which requires minimum 100 feet of riparian buffers along rivers, streams, etc. Municipalities would be authorized to work with the state Department of Environmental Protection to establish these buffers.

-The township commissioners purchased reuseable bags for residents at obtain at no cost. Bags can be picked up at the township building.

-Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

-Next meeting is Wednesday, August 2 at 7 pm. No July meeting will be held.