

## WNEACmeetingminutesAugust2023

Attendees: Shari Donath, Richard Cole, Donna Suevo, Martin Miller, Barbara Pollarine WNEAC members, and Leslie Shoenfelt, Marie John township residents

-Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

-Meeting minutes for June were approved. No meeting held in July.

-Shari answered questions about what next steps are needed for West Norriton to become designated a Bird Town. Bird Towns essentially are communities where residents are encouraged to plant native species, trees, etc to help sustain a healthy and diverse bird population. She reviewed some of the information shared at last meeting. Next steps include having township commissioners introduce and approve a resolution regarding this effort. Shari agreed to get samples of resolutions from Bird Town and Audubon Society for reference. She also agreed to draft a description of this effort for next issue of EAC webpage. After resolution, a committee of interested residents is created to work on the effort. It was agreed that information about this should be shared on township website and encourage interested residents to become part of the committee.

-Update was provided on continued implementation of the plastic bag ban. It is going well with many businesses complying. Commissioners have purchased reuseable bags that are being distributed to residents at township building and community events. They will also be handed out at the Fall Festival.

-Based on some questions from the group, Marty explained that each township is required to have a comprehensive plan that covers a wide range of issues. That plan is required to be periodically updated. He reminded us that the open space plan is also being updated. County planners presented a session at the planning commission meeting recently.

-Several residents asked questions about the meeting held regarding the Westover Club property. A meeting was held recently for residents living near the property. Developer presented a draft plan which will be evaluated as process continues regarding the property.

-Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

-Next Meeting is Wednesday, September 6 at 7 pm