



The Town of Fenwick Island

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING

March 11, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Town Hall

MINUTES

Members Present: Colleen Wilson, Vicki Carmean, Stu Rubenstein (Zoom), Liz Lear, Susan Brennan (Zoom), Cindy Kerns (Zoom), Pam Pridgeon.

Other Participants: None

Staff Participants: Kathy Grab.

Call to Order/ Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of February 11, 2026.

Motion: Approve the Minutes of February 11, 2026

Moved by: Vicki Carmean

Seconded by: Stu Rubenstein

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Earth Day Planning Details.

- a. Setup.

- Room set up the night before after the Town Council meeting.
- Committee members arrive at 8:00 a.m.

- b. Banner.

- Public Works have the banners, one for outside and another for the table.
- Kathy Grab to ask Public Works to hang the banner in the beginning of April.

- c. Giveaways & Raffles.

- Green shopping bags to give out.
- Parsley Plants, Vicki Carmean will start checking the area nurseries. Parsley is good plant for swallowtails.
- Colleen Wilson will pick up a couple plants for the raffle.
- All signs from last year were saved and can be reused.

- d. Supplies.
 - There are compostable bags and rubber gloves left over from last year.
 - e. Refreshments.
 - Liz Lear will pick up coffee and donuts from Dunkin Donuts.
 - f. Water Cooler.
 - Kathy Grab will ask Public Works to bring the water cooler to the front for people to fill their water bottles.
 - g. Assignments.
 - The laminated list of streets from last year can be used.
 - Need to print a list of streets to give out to participants.
 - h. Instructions for Participants.
 - Those committee members will instruct participants to complete the raffle tickets, give out the assignments, and snacks, and instruct them to come back to Town Hall with their garbage bags for a group photo and the raffle winners.
 - i. Additional Displays.
 - The offshore wind display will be put up.
 - DarkSky requested to attend.
 - Vicki Carmean suggested inviting the Barefoot Gardeners Club to come with displays and information on membership.
 - The organization that gave the mini grant were asked for materials to display.
 - Pam Pridgeon will ask Merr for display materials with educational information.
 - Those at town hall should encourage people to go to Faucett-Okie Preserve.
3. Week of April 20 Schedule for Faucett-Okie Park Mini-forest Planting.
 - a. Wednesday Afternoon, 4/22 Plant/Material Delivery/Placement, Cordone Off Park.
 - Plants will be delivered in the afternoon of April 22.
 - Public Works will be roping off the area.
 - b. Thursday, 4/23 Dig Holes.
 - Public Works will provide the auger and help dig holes.
 - c. Friday, 4/24 Water Delivered to Park, Last Minute Details.
 - Public Works will deliver the water.
 - d. Saturday, 4/25 Earth Day Planting.
 - All plants will be planted.
 4. Faucett-Okie Park Dedication Agenda.
 - a. Colleen Wilson advised the date is still May 23rd, the time to be determined.

- Mayor will be asked to make a speech.
 - The sign is here at Town Hall, do a type of dedication/celebration of the sign.
 - Ask Mr. Okie to say some words.
 - Ask Lois Twilley to arrange for someone to talk about the arboretum.
 - Provide a small tour.
 - Susan Brennan to discuss the plants.
 - Refreshments provided. Colleen Wilson will bring a table.
 - Flyer needed Colleen Wilson to provide key details to Kathy Grab.
 - More discussion to follow.
5. Pollinator Park Garden Party Ideas.
- a. "Soirée"
- Will do the same as last year, BYOB drinks, snacks and savory snacks will be provided.
 - Liz Lear will invite Gary Thomas to play music again.
 - Flyer needed Colleen Wilson to provide key details to Kathy Grab.
 - Vicki Carmean suggests having a bird bath added to the park. Colleen Wilson feels that keeping it more natural with less need of maintenance would be best.
 - More discussion to follow.
6. Old Business.
- a. Arboretum Status-Lois Twilley.
- Lois Twilley has moved forward with getting the Faucett-Okie Preserve as an arboretum.
 - Committee will need to identify 25 native species in the park. Once the plants are planted, Susan Brennan will help identify the plants with the help of the student from Salisbury University.
 - Vicki Carmean wants all plants to be marked. She will donate markers that she has.
 - Susan Brennan suggests doing the signs as the plants are planted.
 - More discussion at the next meeting.
- b. Survey of Faucett-Okie Park.
- The survey company had come out once, but then the snow came and has not been completed.
 - Survey Company will be coming back to finish surveying. Then they will connect with Mike Locke, Colleen, and Paul Wilson on the property corners and what has been paid out. They will then bring it back to their office to draw it up for the Town.
 - Pam Pridgeon asked if there are metal stakes or markers, Susan Brennan thought one marker was found.
- c. Watering of Town Plants.
- Discussion at Town Council.

- Public Works will be able water of all of the Town's plants as part of their weekly tasks.
- Vicki Carmean advised weeding needs to be done at least twice a week and hopes that it will get done.

7. New Business.

a. Little Library at Town Hall.

- Kathy Grab advised that the Little Library in the park is leaking. It either needs repairs or replacement. The library is frequently used by adults and children and worries books will be ruined.
- Mike Locke has agreed to have Public Works either repair or replace the library provided that the committee would agree it is a worthy cause and can get the funding.
- Kathy Grab will look into pricing and let Colleen Wilson know.

8. Announcements.

a. March 21 Beach Grass Planting Day (Full Participation with Waiting List).

- Sign-up online is now on a wait list.
- Colleen Wilson will borrow the Town's auger to dig holes.

b. March 26 Pollinator Park Cleanup.

- Barefoot Gardeners have been asked to help out.
- Soil will be delivered that week.
- Weeding and turning over soil will be done on the same day.

c. April 25 Fenwick Island Celebrates Earth Day.

- More discussion to follow at next meeting.

d. May 23 (Tentative) Opening/Dedication of Faucett-Okie Family Nature Preserve.

- Time to be determined.

e. June 20 Pollinator Park Garden Party.

- Happy Hour BYOB and snacks to be provided.
- Day is actually scheduled for the 27th.

9. Public Participation.

a. None.

10. Date of the next meeting.

a. April 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment.

Motion: To Adjourn at 9:58 a.m.

Moved by: Liz Lear

Seconded by: Stu Rubenstein

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Update after closure of meeting:

1. Mini-Forest planting will now be delivered on April 23, in the morning.
2. Committee members are asked to reconsider the date of the Summer Soirée in the Pollinator Park. It's currently scheduled for June 27, but a few committee members will not be in town. Can the date be changed to June 20th?