



The Town of Fenwick Island

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING

May 13, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Town Hall

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

Other Participants: Lois Twilley,

Staff Participants: Kathy Grab.

Call to Order/ Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2026.

Motion: Approve the Minutes of March 11, 2026, with correction of the Faucett Okie Family Nature Preserve Dedication date to May 16th.

Moved by: Vicki Carmean

Seconded by: Liz Lear

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes of April 8, 2026.

Motion: Approve the Minutes of April 8, 2026.

Moved by: Vicki Carmean

Seconded by: Susan Brennan

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Faucett Okie Family Nature Preserve Opening – May 16, 10:00 a.m.

- a. Agenda.

- Refreshments, seating, signage, and sound system arrangements were discussed.
- Natalie Magdeburger and Mr. Okie will provide remarks.
- Colleen Wilson suggested inviting everyone to walk through the park afterwards.
- Vicki Carmean encourages thanking the volunteers, a list of volunteers was made.

- b. Invitations.

- Publications have been placed on the web, Facebook, and Town sign.

- Invites should be sent to the Center for Inland Bays, Coastal Point, the Garden Club, and local politicians.
- c. Refreshments.
 - Colleen Wilson will purchase the iced tea and some small bakery items.
- 4. Pollinator Park Summer Soiree – June 20, 4:00 p.m.
 - a. Refreshments.
 - Liz Lear will provide refreshments, and setup logistics were discussed. Guests are encouraged to BYOB.
 - b. Setup.
 - A table and umbrella will be brought in and set up.
 - Colleen Wilson will send out a reminder email.
- 5. Summer Meeting Schedule Discussion.
 - a. Colleen Wilson asked if there is a requirement to meet every month and if the committee would like to take June and July off.
 - Committee members discussed and felt it would be fine not to meet due to busy schedules.

Motion: No meetings in June and July unless there is a pressing item.

Moved by: Colleen Wilson

Seconded by: Susan Brennan

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- 6. Old Business.
 - a. Sidewalks
 - Susan Brennan and Colleen Wilson reviewed sidewalk and median landscaping areas and identified approximately 24 vacant planting spaces.
 - Susan Brennan will prepare a landscape map and replacement planting plan.
 - The committee discussed plant losses, replacement options, maintenance concerns, and the need for long-term oversight of Town landscaping projects.
 - Vicki Carmean stated she plans to raise maintenance concerns at the next Town Council meeting.
 - Susan Brennan will also explore wholesale plant purchasing options.
 - b. Colleen Wilson has the original site plans for the Faucett Okie Family Nature Preserve and asked for suggestions of what they should do with it.
 - Vicki Carmean advised for historical purposes and references in the future, it should be held on to. It could be reduced and placed in the property file.
 - c. Lois Twilley discussed update on the Arboretum.
 - Lois Twilley provided an update on the Arboretum application process

- Greg Tepper has agreed and is excited to work with the committee. A Salisbury University student may assist with identifying and mapping tree and plant species.
- The designation is free and requires educational or public-use documentation.
- If approved, it would become the only designated arboretum south of Dover at a Level 1 designation.
- The committee encouraged additional outreach to the Garden Club.

7. New Business.

- a. None.

8. Public Participation.

- a. None.

9. Date of the next meeting.

- a. August 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment.

Motion: 9:52 a.m.

Moved by: Vicki Carmean

Seconded by: Liz Lear

Motion Carried Unanimously.