Call to order
Zoë Warner, Ph.D. called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by Zoe Warner, Ph.D. seconded by Tiffany Brouillet, and carried a vote of 5-0 to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2023 meeting.

Unfinished Business

1. Community Composting Program
   Nothing to report

2. Bird Town PA Application
   The Bird Town application was completed and approved. Zoë Warner signed off on it at the EAC meeting. The application now needs to be signed by MBC President, Amy Finkbiner. Then it can be submitted to the Bird Town PA program for approval.

3. Homegrown National Park Initiative
   a. Shade Tree Commission & Historical Society
      There should be a representative from the EAC, Shade Tree Commission, and Historical Commission to determine the structure/criteria for the legacy tree program and what goals we would like to accomplish.

   b. Library
      The Malvern Library will jointly host an event with the EAC on Monarch Butterflies. The program will include a presentation and an opportunity to plant milkweed in the new Monarch garden at Borough Hall.

      The EAC will continue to collaborate with EAC on future events, including an inaugural bird walk (date TBD) and a book club meeting to discuss Nature’s Best Hope.

4. Tidewater Rain Garden
   Corinne Badman worked with the Malvern Memorial Park Association to submit the American Water grant for rain garden construction in the Paoli Memorial Battlefield Park.
5. MBPA sustainability initiative
The EAC will not participate in the Surfin’ USA event. Christine Hafer and Tiffany
Brouillet will attend the next MBPA meeting to discuss how the EAC can support the
MBPA and work to make the Christmas on King event more sustainable.

6. Invasive Removal in Borough parks
It is too late to do an invasive removal event this year because the understory is too
dense. We will plan the event for early 2024 in late winter. It could be an MLK Day of
Service event.

7. Website content updates
Corinne put links to the composting program on the EAC web page. The EAC will work
on putting links to previous newsletter articles, recycling information, and other topics of
interest.

New Business
1. Malvern Retreat House Collaboration
   Michael Norton, Malvern Retreat House President, and Robert Humbert, MRH Board
   Member, attended the EAC meeting to discuss opportunities for the Malvern Retreat
   House and the EAC to work together to enhance and celebrate the natural resources
   within the retreat's boundaries.

   The MRH will be planting 700 trees (80% native) per year over the next 7 years on their
   125 acres for beautification. In 2023, they have already planted 45 trees with support
   from an arborist. Zoe Warner would like the EAC to support a community planting event
   at MRH in the fall. She will contact the CRC Watersheds Association and Penn State
   Extension to see if they will be part of the effort.

   Eric Beauregard volunteered to help the MRH in planning a memorial garden that would
   enable the public to plant a tree in memory of a loved one. Christine Hafer will contact
   the Penn State Master Gardener (Chester County branch) for educational resources.

2. Mayor’s Monarch Pledge
   Mayor Zeyn Uzman (via Zoom) discussed the decline of monarch butterflies in the area
   and the MMP initiative to plant milkweed throughout the community. He has 80 packets
   of milkweed seeds to distribute to the community. The other focus is to plant native
   plants to benefit pollinators and birds.

   Zoe Warner and Bobbi Tower (Shade Tree Commission) discussed their proposal to
   support this project by creating pollinator gardens at Borough Hall. There will be a
   mixture of plugs, seeds, and specimen plants to demonstrate different phases of planning
   and planting a garden. Mayor Uzman pledged $2000 of his own funds to purchase plants
   for the Borough Hall gardens. Some of these plants and seeds will be planted at the
   Monarch event and will be given away to attendees.
A proposed date of June 19 was set to make a presentation on Monarchs for the community.

It was also stated that Pennsylvania will have a special conservation license plate that will raise funds for pollinator habitats. This license plate will be promoted in the summer edition of the Malvern Newsletter.

3. **PA Fights Dirty**
   The “Trash Talk” provides supplies for local PA cleanups. This is a resource if the EAC chooses to do a Borough-wide cleanup.

4. **Chester County Stormwater Management Ordinance**
   Chester County has updated its stormwater requirements and has provided a sample stormwater management ordinance. Corinne Badman has distributed the ordinance to EAC members for their review and comment.

5. **Dark Skies Initiative**
   Zoe Warner discussed the opportunity to collaborate with the local chapter of the International Dark-Sky Association. They have an active chapter in West Chester and have offered to attend an EAC meeting to provide more information and support for a local initiative to reduce light pollution in the community. Zoe also talked about the possibility of showing the short Dark-Sky movie before the next Parks & Rec Movie in the Park event.

**Events**
1. CRC Watersheds tree maintenance event – May 19, 2023
2. Borough Hall native garden planting - proposed date May 20, 2023
3. Monarch Presentation - proposed date June 19, 2023
4. Bird Walk co-hosted by Malvern Library - date TBD
5. Library book club discussion of Nature’s Best Hope - date TBD

**Public Comment**
There were no public comments.

**Adjournment**
A motion was made by Christine Hafer seconded by Tiffany Brouillet and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm.

Minutes submitted by Christine Hafer, Secretary