

**East Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

Present: Betsy Burns, Milissa Hirst, Leo Kaercher, Zach Rubinich, Dennis Ray, Travis Uyeno, Samantha Uyeno.

Absent: None

Guests: Michelle Rubin (EPT Rep.)

Minutes from December, 2017 meeting were approved as read.

New Business:

- Re-Organization
 - Michelle explained that the first meeting of the first month of the new year is the re-organization meeting where chairs and other duties are selected.
 - After discussion, Dennis nominated Travis and Betsy to be EAC co-chairs, both accepted. Leo seconded and all approved.

Old Business:

- Discussion/questions about the zoning ordinance section on the environmental impact assessment report.
 - The Council posed questions and re-discussed the form guidelines presented at the last meeting.
- 2018 Committee Goals: Michelle asked the EAC to discuss what they would like to accomplish this year. The goals will also be presented at the Strategic Planning Meeting on Saturday. Ideas generated included:
 - Michelle mentioned to the council that they may be asked to work on building a sustainability plan this year. Michelle will send them West Vincent's plan)
 - Runoff mitigation/stormwater education
 - Rain barrel workshop
 - Rain gardens
 - Working with Green Valley Watershed Association to learn more about EAC options
 - Reducing Lawn chemicals
 - Pollinator Garden Project (combine with rain gardens?)
 - Native plant sale
 - Seeds with natural trees/shrubs/flowers that kids could sprinkle along the trail
 - Become a Tree City USA?

- Hold an arbor day celebration? April 27
 - Combine trail clean up with arbor day
 - Michelle mentioned shade tree commission duties that the EAC could take on
 - Spotted Lantern Fly education related to trees
 - Appropriate tree planting techniques
 - Native trees, invasive trees, what to plant
- Work towards an Earth Day event coupled with arbor day
- Watershed clean up
- Survey—what people want to know/topics they're interest in
- Expand the compost and recycling options in the Township
- Become a Bird Town
 - Nature walk/birding outing? Contact naturalist from the Audubon society
- MS4 education for the EAC
- Have a stronger social media presence (Township Facebook and website)
- E-Recycling event—support local communities doing that, consider doing our own
- Overall:
 - The EAC would like to take this year to build a solid foundation and get the EAC back on people's minds. Members will attend community events (Kimberton Fair, Kimberton Park Party, trail clean ups, etc.) and have a few small, educational events to talk with people. Build relationships with local environmental groups, local businesses, and people interested in these topics.

With no further business, Betsy moved and Leo seconded the adjournment of the meeting at 8:30pm.

Next Meeting February 22, 2018.