

**East Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2018**

Present: Betsy Burns, Milissa Hirst, Dennis Ray, Zach Rubinich, & Samantha Uyeno

Absent: Leo Kaercher & Travis Uyeno

Guests: Rusty Strauss, David Lutzker, Jim Wylie (Sierra Club), & Dave Blackmore (Phoenixville's Green Team)

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Meeting started at 7:01pm

Minutes from the June meeting were approved without changes.

The group made introductions due to the number of new guests.

New Business

1. Ready for 100 presentation—Dave Lutzker & Jim Wylie
 - Dave and Jim gave a presentation about the Ready for 100 Initiative to educate the EAC on why the Township should consider joining the Ready 100 initiative, details about the program, and what other Townships and Municipalities are doing to achieve goals. Council members discussed and asked questions.
 - Recommended next steps: talk with leadership from other municipalities who have passed a resolution, make presentation to the Board of Supervisors, make a resolution for the township
 - Community education will be an important part of this—the EAC will need to have information and articles online, on social media, and in newsletters.
 - The EAC is interested in pursuing this, need to research the program and talk with other municipalities.
2. Next Meeting?
 - Council members decided to hold their next meeting on Thursday, November 29 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The December meeting will be cancelled.
3. Trail Clean Up
 - Michelle informed the council that the annual fall trail clean up is on Saturday, November 3 from 9am-noon at the Rapps Dam trail head. She encouraged EAC members to attend.
 - A discussion was held about increasing advertising for township activities and events. Members discussed reaching out to local youth service organizations, high school classes and clubs, local colleges, and area businesses.
4. Volunteer Appreciation
 - Michelle invited volunteers to the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, December 6 at 6pm at the Kimberton Arts Building near Kimberton Park.

Old Business

1. EAC Newsletter
 - Michelle reminded council members to be on the lookout for newsletter topics, articles, etc. as she doesn't have time to do research every month
 - Rusty asked if the information about the newsletter could be added to the website.
2. Graham Property Walk Summary
 - Members of the council who attended gave a brief summary of the walk. The reported that they support leaving the property and trail in its natural state. Samantha will write a letter of support for the easement which will be approved by the Council members.
3. Bird Town USA presentation at Supervisors Meeting
 - Michelle encouraged EAC members to put together a brief presentation about Bird Town and explain why the Township should be involved.
 - Zach will present, Dennis will support
 - Dennis reported that there was a report that Spotted Lanternflies were having an effect on the bird population because they are poisonous.
 - Michelle suggested that this next year be a planning year for Bird Town. Hold events and activities for people who are interested and try to find future volunteers who can help with Bird Town requirements and education.
4. 2019 events/programs/activities/budget
 - Michelle read council members the list of activities that were discussed during the last meeting including a trail run, bird walk, owl walk, road clean-up, etc.
 - Ready for 100 is now on the list as well.
 - Council members discussed the need to wait on rain garden education due to other more pressing items of interest, namely Ready for 100. The committee also talked about their feelings towards revisiting the single trash hauler program. They don't believe that it is in the best interest of the committee or the township to pursue this again.

Public Comment

None.

Adjourned at 8:50pm