

**East Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2020**

Present: Dennis Ray, Samantha Uyeno, Betsy Burns, Janet Burgoon, & Milissa Hirst
Guests: Ron Graham
Staff: Michelle Rubin

Meeting started at 7:02pm

Minutes from the December meeting were approved without changes.

New Business

1. Re-Organization
 - Dennis Ray was elected Chair.
 - Betsy Burns was elected Vice Chair.
 - Janet Burgoon was elected Secretary.
 - There are two vacancies on the committee.
2. Strategic Planning Meeting 2/8
 - Dennis and Betsy will attend as EAC representatives.
 - 2020 goals:
 - Continue to work towards the goals laid out in the Ready for 100 resolution: complete an assessment of township energy uses, work towards a regional ready for 100 commission, and pursue renewable power purchase options; support a solar ordinance and work to educate residents about options; expand education about the Spotted Lanternfly, pollinators, and native plants; host educational speakers; evaluate the feasibility of a single trash hauler system; look for opportunities to partner with the Park and Rec. Board on activities/events; continue to educate and reach people via social media, website, and E-newsletter.

Old Business

1. Single Trash Hauler
 - The committee discussed pursuing a single trash hauler for the Township, especially in light of the Ready for 100 goals to reduce energy usage in the Township. Ron Graham provided his opinion on the topic. The committee will compile a list of similar Townships that have single hauler systems; Michelle will reach out to DEP to get an updated single trash hauler study, and will upload the previous study to DropBox.
2. Ready for 100
 - Updates: Dennis will attend an upcoming Energy Briefing and report back to the EAC.
 - Future Planning: The EAC discussed a proposed Ready for 100 timeline for the Township moving forward. The timeline will be presented for comment at the Strategic Planning Meeting.

3. 2020 Planning

- Recycling Education
 - Samantha reached out to Patti at Chester County and will get handouts and other tabling items from them
 - Michelle reported that the Environmental Education Grant that was mentioned at the last meeting isn't available for municipalities.
 - As trash hauler registrations come in, Michelle will compile results and determine if they provide any concrete information that might help to build an educational campaign for residents.

- Stormwater
 - Nothing to report, Michelle will reach out to municipalities who have programs and try to schedule a tour for the spring.

- Hares Hill Rd. Clean Up
 - The clean up has been scheduled for Sunday, April 19. There will be two public works crew members available to help with traffic.

- Earth Day
 - Milissa reached out to the Green Team and discovered that they are not planning anything for Earth Day. The EAC will focus on doing the Bird Walk and Hares Hill Rd. Clean up to celebrate Earth Day in East Pikeland.

- Bird Walk/Owl Prowl
 - The date for the Bird Walk is April 18 at 8am.
 - The committee discussed getting the Bird Walk Leader, Rick, a gift in appreciation for his help.

Public Comment

None.

Adjourned at 8:50pm