

**East Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2024**

Present: Dennis Ray, Eric Hanson, Peter Lehman, & Aparna Maddali, Gary Kimber, & Lynda Rebarchak
Guests: Sarah Kratz
Staff: Michelle Rubin

Chairman, Dennis Ray, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Peter Lehman motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Eric Hanson seconded, and the agenda was unanimously approved.

Eric Hanson motioned to approve the November meeting minutes. Peter Lehman seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business

1. Re-Organization

- Peter Lehman motioned to appoint Dennis Ray as committee Chair. Dennis accepted. Gary Kimber seconded, unanimously approved.
- Dennis Ray made a motion to appoint Linda Rebarchak as the committee Vice Chair. Linda accepted. seconded, unanimously approved.
- Dennis Ray motioned to appoint Eric Hanson as Secretary. Eric accepted. Lynda Rebarchak seconded, unanimously approved.

2. 2023 Accomplishments, 2024 Goals

- The EAC members discussed accomplishments from 2023 as well as goals to focus on in 2024. These items will be presented at the Strategic Planning Meeting scheduled for February 24. At least two representatives from the EAC will attend.

Old Business

1. Ready for 100

- Northern Chester County Clean Energy Future (NCC-CEF)
 - No updates at this time. Dennis requested that the Clean Energy Transition Plan receive higher visibility on the Township Website.

2. Plastic Bag Ban Discussion

- The committee has included this topic on their 2024 goal list and will look to the Board of Supervisors for feedback on the topic. The committee plans to investigate options this year and create a sub-committee in the future if they pursue it.

3. Committee Education

- EAC Network Virtual Conference 2/24/24: Eric will try to attend
- Lynda reported on a Chester County Environmental Alliance meeting that she attended in January. There were a number of speakers and they discussed a number of topics and tools that might be useful for EACs and municipalities.

- Eric attended a road salt application presentation in North Coventry. He reported on the topics discussed and Michelle requested that he type up something for a future newsletter.

4. Upcoming Events

- Owl Prowl Recap
 - Peter, Eric, & Gary attended, it was a great event with over 40 people there. They felt the indoor presentation could have been a little shorter, with everyone dressed up to go out, but people did enjoy the taxidermy. Hot chocolate was a hit and both groups heard owl activity.
- Business Energy Saving Workshop – Fall/Winter
 - This will be removed from the list as it is being taken on by PECO.
- Doug Tallamy @ the Colonial Theater – Winter
 - This will be removed from the list as it is not questionable.
 - Native Plants 101, 3/14
 - Michelle reported that a date had been selected for another native plant workshop sponsored in partnership with Colonial Gardens.
 - Home Energy 101, 3/18
 - Michelle reported that a date had been selected for another home energy 101 workshop sponsored in partnership with PECO.
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Public Comment

Sarah Kratz introduced herself and voiced her interest in learning more about the committee.

Lynda Rebarchak motioned to adjourn the meeting, Eric Hanson seconded, unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.