

**East Pikeland Township  
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes  
October 24, 2019**

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

Absent: Janet Burgoon

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Meeting started at 7:02pm

Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

**Old Business**

1. Owl Prowl—12/7
  - Michelle reminded the committee that the Owl Prowl will be on 12/7 at 7pm. Participants will meet at the Rapps Dam Trail Head to listen and ID owls along the trail. Hot Chocolate and S'mores will be available after the walk. The walk will be led by an owl expert and friend of Richard Wolf.
2. Single Hauler Discussion
  - Michelle read an email from Kim Moretti detailing the reasons why the Township would no longer be pursuing a Single Trash Hauler. In the letter she encouraged the EAC to turn their attention towards educating residents about how to properly recycle.
3. National Solar Tour
  - Dennis and Betsy reported that they attended the Chester County Solar Tour and learned a lot.
    - Dennis collected a lot of information about Solar Energy. Betsy reported that Uwchlan Township got a few charging stations and received a grant from DEP to pay for them.
4. Ready for 100 Next Steps
  - Michelle and Dennis reported that they met with a representative from the Sierra Club and Schuylkill EAC to discuss ways to move forward with Ready for 100 in a regional context.
    - They have requested that Ready for 100 be made a sub-committee of the Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee, which will be discussed at the upcoming meeting on Wednesday, October 30 at 7pm at the Schuylkill Township Building. EAC members are encouraged to attend.
    - The EAC voted unanimously to appoint Dennis as the East Pikeland EAC Rep. for Ready for 100 with the PRPC. Milissa was chosen as his second.
5. Crouse Property
  - Michelle reminded the committee that there will be a ribbon cutting for the Crouse property on November 2 at 11am. Members should RSVP if they plan to attend.
  - A Community Visioning Workshop will be held on November 6 at the Kimberton Fire House at 7pm. Committee members are encouraged to attend to share their ideas for the property.

## **New Business**

### 1. 2020 Planning

- Michelle informed the committee that in 2020 the EAC Conference will be held on May 2 in Upper Merion Township. All committee members are encouraged to attend, their fees will be covered by the Township
- The Committee discussed ideas for 2020. There was also a discussion about taking on manageable projects that the committee can make progress on in the next year.
  - Projects that were chosen were recycling education, Ready for 100, and stormwater.
    - Recycling education: committee members will research information on recycling guidelines in the county and determine what they want the educational materials to say. Then distribute throughout the Township. They would like to start with Township property education in the parks and at the recycling dumpsters on the township property.
    - Ready for 100—start with low hanging fruit and easy changes to be made to the township building. Dennis would like to start making progress on energy purchasing power and working to form a regional committee.
    - Stormwater—want to create a rain garden program that is manageable, useful, and successful. Committee members will do research on what other township are doing and would even like to visit other townships to learn about existing programs. Plan in 2020, release in 2021.
  - The committee would also like to continue to do small events such as the bird walk, owl prowl and a road clean up.
    - Discussion was held about cleaning up Hares Hill Road for Earth Day
    - Milissa will reach out to the Green Team to see if they are planning anything for Earth Day and if they would like to partner.

### 2. November & December Meetings?

- The committee decided to move the November meeting to Monday, November 18 at 7pm due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

## **Public Comment**

None.

Adjourned at 8:30pm