

**East Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes
December 10, 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 without changes.

- Discussion: Dennis would like to get clarification from the Board of Supervisors about the committee tabling the single hauler issue. He thinks that the reasons that were given by the Township Manager for tabling the topic were weak and he wants official confirmation.

New Business

1. January Meeting Prep

- Michelle reminded the committee that in January they will set their 2020 goals. She handed out 2019 goals as a refresher. Committee members will think about 2020 goals and be prepared to discuss at the January meeting.
- Strategic Planning Meeting-Michelle informed the committee that the 2020 strategic planning meeting will take place on Saturday, February 8. 2 committee members can attend. Dennis and Betsy are both interested in attending. Dennis would like to discuss Ready for 100, Michelle suggested that might be its own separate presentation.

2. Mascaro Recycling Facility Report

- Michelle and Dennis attended the tour of the Mascaro Recycling Facility. Dennis was amazed by the size of the facility and the amount of recycling they process. Contamination is the biggest issue facing the recycling industry at this time. Michelle shared pictures from the tour.
 - The committee discussed the difficulty of figuring out what each hauler accepts as recycling, which impacts how they will educate residents.

Old Business

1. Owl Prowl—12/7

- All committee members attended the Owl Prowl which was very successful with 40-50 people in attendance. It was very cold out, but people seemed to have a great time, even though no owls were heard or seen. The committee would like to do this event again and discussed other formats including a staggered start time to decrease the number of people, a sign up, etc. A moonlight owl prowling was also discussed.
- The committee also discussed a firefly event or bug/amphibian listening walk in the future.

2. Ready for 100 - Updates

- Regional Meeting: Dennis, Betsy, and Michelle attended the regional Ready For 100 meeting in Upper Merion. 15 townships were in attendance with 10 speakers, sponsored by the Sierra Club.
 - Betsy reported that West Chester has a group of 6 municipalities that have partnered together to hire a consultant.

- Samantha asked about the smaller municipalities getting lost in the report in favor of the larger ones. The EAC will continue to watch the progress of the West Chester group.
 - PRPC Meeting. Dennis reported that he PRPC was discussing whether they could or wanted to house a Ready for 100 subcommittee to help with collaboration. It's not currently in the bylaws to form a subcommittee, however they will be re-visiting the charter for another agenda item in 2020 and will consider it at that time.
 - Dennis explained that the easiest way to get started is to work with an energy consultant and partner with other municipalities, businesses, industry etc. to get a renewable energy contract to help with buying power.
 - Dennis and Betsy reported that Rusty Strauss, Township Supervisor, asked them to create a plan and present it to the Board of Supervisors. Dennis shared a draft plan with the committee, which they will continue to build on. The committee asked Michelle to get clarification from Rusty about the type of plan he would like to see.
3. 2020 Planning
- Recycling Education—report information found
 - Samantha reached out to Patti at Chester County and will get handouts and other tabling items from them
 - Michelle also spoke with Patti and will send a few of the educational websites Patti shared with her.
 - Michelle will be seeking an Environmental Education Grant to help pay for these projects.
 - Stormwater—report information found
 - Nothing to report, Michelle will reach out to municipalities who have programs and try to schedule a tour
 - Hares Hill Rd. Clean Up
 - The committee would like to do this, but would need to shut the road down. Michelle will talk with Public Works. Dates discussed were April 18 and 19.
 - Earth Day
 - No updates, Milissa will reach out to the Green Team
 - Bird Walk/Owl Prowl
 - Working to set a date for the Bird walk in April or early May.

Public Comment

None.

Adjourned at 8:30pm