

**East Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2020**

Present: Dennis Ray, Samantha Uyeno, Betsy Burns, & Janet Burgoon

Absent: Milissa Hirst

Guests: Lydna Rebarchak (potential volunteer) & Jim Rebarchak (future resident)

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Meeting started at 7:02pm

Minutes from the January meeting were approved without changes.

Introductions of the committee members and visitors were made.

New Business

Old Business

1. Strategic Planning Meeting Summary
 - Dennis and Betsy gave a summary of the Strategic Planning Meeting. They presented the EAC's 2019 accomplishments and 2020 goals including the plan to move forward with Ready for 100. The Board of Supervisors was supportive of the EAC's goals.
2. Single Trash Hauler
 - Michelle reported that she uploaded all of the past documents in relation to the Single Trash Hauler study to DropBox. Committee members are encouraged to look through the files.
3. Ready for 100
 - Updates: Dennis attended an Energy Briefing and reported back to the EAC; specifically he reported that renewable energy is cheaper than it's ever been, especially natural gas. Michelle and Dennis attended a meeting of the West Chester COG where a Ready for 100 plan was presented by their consultant, Cadmus Group. Michelle reported that the plan can be altered to work for East Pikeland and as a result we don't need to worry about hiring our own consultant for a Ready for 100 plan.
 - Solar Energy: East Pikeland's Planning Commission is working to address the planning and zoning for solar farms. When a draft solar ordinance is submitted the EAC will have an opportunity to review the ordinance and provide comments/revisions and/or support for the ordinance.
 - Electric Police Vehicles: Dennis reported on a letter that Chief Wilson sent to the Board of Supervisors in regards to energy efficient police vehicles. Chief Wilson believes that the technology isn't there yet for a fully electric police vehicle but would support purchasing a hybrid model. The EAC thought this was a logical first step until technology catches up to demand.
 - Vision Partnership Grant: Dennis and Michelle reported on the possibility that the Township may be able to apply for this grant to create a Power Purchase Agreement with other Townships, or even apply for funds to create a sustainability and energy transition plan.

4. Recycling Education
 - Samantha shared that the County has supplies for event handouts like coloring books and other materials, but they would have to be picked up in Narvon.
5. Stormwater
 - Betsy and Janet discussed the potential of putting a rain garden near the gravel lot at the park. The drainage area needs to be determined as well as the infiltration rate. Michelle reported that the work on the parking lot will take place in March, so these things need to be determined before that work is complete.
6. Bird Walk 4/18
 - Michelle reported that she made a \$100 donation of the Audubon Society in honor of Richard Wolf, the volunteer who leads our Bird Walks and Owl Prowl in thanks for his support and help.
7. Hares Hill Rd. Clean Up
 - The cleanup has been scheduled for Sunday, April 19. Meet at the East Pikeland Elementary School. Janet, Dennis, and Samantha will be there.
8. Spotted lanternfly
 - Janet will determine a date at the end of April or early May to host a talk about the Spotted Lanternfly.

Michelle also reminded committee members to register for the EAC conference coming up on Saturday, May 2 in Upper Merion.

Public Comment

None.

Adjourned at 8:04pm.