

**East Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2019**

Present: Betsy Burns, Milissa Hirst, Dennis Ray, Zach Rubinich, & Samantha Uyeno
Guests: Ron Graham, Travis Uyeno, Janet Burgoon (resident), & Jessica Palmer (resident)
Staff: Michelle Rubin

Meeting started at 7:04pm

Minutes from the January meeting were approved without changes after discussion clarifying the minute details on Re-Organization.

The committee members gave introductions due to the number of new guests.

New Business

1. Tree Planting

- Michelle reminded the EAC that the Park and Recreation Board is hosting a tree planting along the French Creek Trail on Saturday, April 27 to celebrate Earth Week. They need help and the EAC could also consider having a table at the event. Lunch will be provided and it's a great event for families.
 - Milissa, Betsy, & Dennis will attend

Old Business

1. Reorganization

- Vacancies
 - Michelle reported that Travis will be stepping down as an active member of the EAC due to his work responsibilities, but he will still be as involved as he can. As such, there are now two vacancies to fill.

2. Strategic Planning Meeting Summary

- Dennis and Betsy Summarized the highlights of the meeting
 - Kim asked the EAC to look into MS4—review plans and conduct public outreach and education
 - Ron asked the EAC to re-consider the single trash hauler
 - The EAC discussed, comments were made about a subsidy to encourage people to make the switch
 - Michelle gave a presentation on ready for 100 and a discussion as held about an energy assessment, solar panels, and electric police cars
 - Publicity about metal and oil drop off at the Township, questions were asked about E-recycling at the Township.
 - Is there a plant in York still in operation? Are they properly disposing of electronics at the landfills?
 - Increase education in kiosks
 - Kisha presented about low impact development

3. EAC Regional Meeting
 - Betsy, Dennis, & Michelle attended. All EACs in attendance discussed what they are working on, concerns, and their outreach plans, etc.
 - Ideas from other townships include: a heritage tree program, tree planting, naming unnamed streams, completing an environmental resources inventory, land management plan, pollinator and amphibian migration, implementing meadows, light pollution, riparian buffers, seal of approval for restaurants who cut out single use plastic, clean energy resolution. Working on reducing plastic was a major theme.
4. Graham Property Clean Up
 - Milissa and Betsy attended. Milissa reported that around 20 volunteers attended. They picked up two huge truck loads of glass and other debris, 19 tires were also collected. There will be more clean ups in the future, there's still a lot of trash!
5. Ready for 100 Updates/Resolution
 - The EAC discussed the draft resolution put together by Dennis. There are a few things they would like to change including the language in some areas and a few points they would like to add.
 - EAC members will comment on the draft resolution this month and be ready to discuss by the April meeting.
6. E-Recycling Event Opportunity
 - Samantha reported that she talked to an E-recycling business and they informed her that making a profit off of these events is difficult to impossible. The committee will keep looking into the process of hosting an event next year, but a number of questions need to be answered (space big enough, where are the materials going, etc.) and it needs to be worked into the budget if there are no was to offset costs.
7. EAC Conference: Saturday, May 18, the Poconos
 - Michelle reminded the EAC about the conference on May 18. Dennis would like to attend and will register.
8. EAC Newsletter
 - Michelle reminded everyone to send her articles, videos, etc. that they find for future newsletters.
9. Bird Town USA
 - The EAC voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the township should register for the first step of the Bird Town process as there is no money involved.

Public Comment

- Ron reported on the public hearing regarding acquiring open space on 3/29 at 8am
- Jessica asked the EAC how they are addressing single plastic usage consumption in the township
 - This is an important issue but the EAC is currently focused on other topics.
- Jessica also enquired about road clean ups because there's so much trash along the road sides.
 - Janet mentioned getting local businesses to take on roads and keep them clean.

Adjourned at 8:33pm