

**East Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2020**

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

Absent: Janet Burgoon

Guests: Lydna Rebarchak (potential volunteer)

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Meeting started at 7:05pm

Minutes from the April meeting were approved without changes.

New Business

1. New Member

- The Committee voted unanimously to appoint Lynda Rebarchak to a vacancy on the EAC. The recommendation will be sent to the Board of Supervisors and approved at the June Meeting.

2. EAC Conference Report

- Dennis, Betsy, and Janet all attended. They reported that the conference was very informative and well attended. Dennis and Betsy will compile their notes and send out to the committee. Improved communication was an important theme. There was discussion about non-voting members (people who are knowledgeable but are not voting) to increase the reach and knowledge of the committee. Many things our EAC/Township already does, we are far ahead of other townships in many ways.
 - Attendees were encouraged to be more involved in other aspects of the township—MS4 was brought up and was something that Kim Moretti had asked the committee to become more involved in. A goal will also be to figure out how to work across committees and determine when to get the EAC involved in other committees.

Old Business

1. Kimberton Fair

- The fair has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19

2. Ready for 100

- Solar Energy—SolSmart. Dennis and John Schott from the Planning Commission talked with SolSmart. Unfortunately their budget has been cut and they can't support a technical building assessment at this time, which is what would have benefitted the township. They can still assist and support with planning and zoning amendments, but that would be up to the Planning Commission if they want to use SolSmart for those purposes.
- Energy Star Portfolio Manager. Because SolSmart isn't available Dennis suggested that we reach out to PECO who offers free technical advice to municipalities. Dennis will send a brochure via email for the committee to discuss next month.
- Vision Partnership Grant: Currently working on a multi-municipal partnership to submit a grant. Phoenixville Regional Planning Commission would like to find out what they can do to

support this grant because enough of the member municipalities are interested in participating. Dennis will talk with Susan Elks to flesh out the details, it will be re-presented to the PRPS once more has been determined.

- Renewable Energy Transition Draft
 - Creation may go along with the grant.
 - Power Purchase Agreement & Renewable Energy Credits
 - The Township is in a power purchase agreement. They had to renew sooner than expected and had a short timeline; the PPA is for a 3 year term. Because they couldn't wait to sign the new agreement, the Township has approved a renewable energy credit as a short-term solution for achieving Ready for 100.
 - Dennis had a good conversation with a broker from Penn State who does Power Purchased Agreements. He offered to review our power bills for mistakes and missed credits. This wouldn't be necessary until the Township is ready to enter a new PPA
3. Recycling Education
- No updates
4. Stormwater
- Eric Cunsleman from Montgomery County Conservation District spoke at the EAC conference about what makes for good soil, and detriments of compaction that impact the soil. He also presented on detention basins and potential retrofits (cost effective option). Betsy suggested that the EAC look into soil augmentation in the ordinance to discover what our current rules are. Will look into soil augmentation in the Township's ordinance.
5. Single Trash Hauler
- Committee will take a look at the DropBox, Michelle will invite Lynda.

Public Comment

None.

Adjourned at 7:50pm.