

**East Pikeland Township  
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes  
June 27, 2019**

Present: Betsy Burns, Milissa Hirst & Dennis Ray

Absent: Janet Burgoon & Samantha Uyeno

Guests: Vicki Laubach (Green Valleys Watershed Association) & Rusty Strauss (Supervisor)

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Meeting started at 7:03pm

Minutes from the May meeting were approved without changes.

**New Business**

1. Vicki Laubach – Green Valleys Watershed Association – Eel reintroduction program
  - Vicki informed the EAC of a study being done in the Pickering Creek to study the American Eel in order to discover if they can help to control the invasive crayfish population. The experiment will start later this summer and last a few years. There will be a public meeting explaining the study, the EAC will be invited.
2. National Solar Tour Invitation
  - Michelle shared an email she received from the National Solar Tour, which will take place in Chester County on Saturday, October 19. The organization asked the Township to endorse the event and spread the word to residents. The EAC discussed the pros and cons of endorsement and in the end voted unanimously to send the request to the Board of Supervisors if it was determined that the Township could meet the criteria.
3. SLF Workshop
  - Michelle informed the EAC that the Township would host a Spotted Lanternfly Workshop for homeowners on Saturday, July 13 from 9:30am-11 at the Township Building. The workshop is for residents who have a Spotted Lanternfly issue and need support in finding ways to deal with them.
4. July Meeting
  - The July meeting will be cancelled to allow committee members to table at the Kimberton Fair

**Old Business**

1. Kimberton Fair Update
  - Milissa reported on her discussion with Karen Dobson regarding recycling at the Fair. Karen told Milissa that the fair uses Cubscouts to clean up the trash and do clean ups around the grounds. Milissa will go to the fair on Monday to help put liners in and continue talking with Karen.
  - The EAC would like to have stormwater, spotted lanternfly, native/invasive plant, Ready for 100, and rain garden information on the table.
  - EAC members signed up for slots to sit at the table from 6-8pm during the week.

2. Summer Solstice Event Report

- Betsy and Dennis attended the event. Both enjoyed the evening, although the EAC was not recognized in the end. Rusty would like to see the EAC have a table there next year if they do the event again.

3. Ready for 100 Updates

- The resolution will be approved at the July 2 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Members are encouraged to attend.
- The committee had a brief discussion of future next steps including a grant to hire an energy consultant to help the Township see its strengths, weaknesses, and areas of growth.
- Dennis reported that he discovered a township in Maryland that has electric police cars and suggested that we either call them or take a trip to see them with the police chief and any other township volunteers or staff that will play a role in making that transition possible for East Pikeland.

4. EAC newsletter

- Send Michelle articles, images, handouts, etc.

**Public Comment**

- The committee discussed the fall owl prowl—need to contact Richard Wolf to set a date
- Michelle reported that the Township received a \$20,000 grant from the Schuylkill Highlands organization for Master Park Planning for the Crouse Property.

Adjourned at 8:05pm