

**East Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2018**

Present: Betsy Burns, Milissa Hirst, Leo Kaercher, Dennis Ray, Zach Rubinich, Samantha Uyeno,
& Travis Uyeno
Staff: Michelle Rubin

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

Minutes from the May meeting were approved with comments.

- Leo asked that the minutes reflect that the “grants” that he mentioned at the previous meeting were only a small part of the DEP press release emails he was discussing. He encouraged EAC members to sign up for the press releases.
- Leo inquired about monitoring who is and isn’t at monthly meetings and encouraged the Council members to strive for full representation at meetings. He doesn’t want to see the meetings go back to how they were in the past where there were no members showing up for meetings.
 - Zach asked if this was a requirement in the bylaws and if so then we simply need to enforce it. Michelle will look into it
 - Michelle asked the Council to respond promptly to her emails so that she can get an accurate count of who is going to be at meetings. If the Council will not have a quorum she will cancel in advance.

New Business

1. Kimberton Fair—educational table sign up
 - Michelle asked the group to sign up for timeslots to sit at the EAC table at the Kimberton Fair Monday July 23-28
 - Timeslots will be from 6-7 and 7-8
 - Council Members requested that we raffle something else off to encourage traffic
 - Michelle offered to prepare two Township tumblers and canvas bag
 - Leo asked if we still had rags made from plastic, Michelle will look into this
 - Samantha asked if we could have some sort of game at the table
 - Michelle encouraged the Council members to think about ideas and let her know what they want to do
 - Michelle will change the E-newsletter sign up to include something about what people are interested in
 - Michelle will set up the posters and other items on Monday, they will be left up all week
2. EAC E-Newsletter
 - Michelle shared the first E-Newsletter with the Council and asked for volunteers to help with finding articles for the next newsletters. She asked that Council members find articles, images, videos, etc. and send them to her and then she will compile them into and email and send

- Can highlight local, national, and world news/events/topics
 - Michelle asked the committee to keep the topics informative and to stay away from over politicizing. She would like the topics to focus on issues with emphasis on what people can do to help or change something
 - The E-Newsletter will be sent during the last week of the month
 - Zach and Melissa volunteered their children to do the first two months
 - Currently there are roughly 25 people signed up from the Kimberton Park Party and from Friends of French Creek
3. Next meeting date
- The Council decided to cancel the July meeting to focus on the Kimberton Fair. The August meeting will also be cancelled due to member vacations
 - The next meeting will be held on September 27

Old Business

1. Kimberton Park Party Summary
 - The event was a success with approximately 400 people in attendance
 - Around 20 people signed up for the E-newsletter with was good for such a young crowd
 - Samantha said that a woman asked her questions about a neighbor using pesticides and would like more education about that
 - Michelle said that the EAC could add to their section of the Township Website
 - She asked members to help compiling information that homeowners should know about things like fertilizers, pesticides, stormwater, recycling, etc.
2. Resident volunteer, Trail bird walk this Saturday
 - Michelle reminded the Council that the Guided Bird Walk is this Saturday, June 30
 - She has prepared a sign in sheet and some other hand outs for the attendees
 - Melissa, Zach, Dennis and maybe Betsy will attend
 - Michelle will put together a gift for the volunteer leading the walk
3. Bird Town USA
 - Zach asked for clarification on last month's meeting minutes in regard to Bird Town. Michelle explained that the Council has decided to put together a formal proposal for the Board of Supervisors before communicating the program to the general public
 - Michelle encouraged the Council members to continue to add to the Bird Town google document and in a few weeks she will take the info and create a formal proposal. The Council members will comment via email on the document due to the cancelled meetings
4. Sustainability Plan Outline
 - Michelle informed the Council that a subcommittee will be formed to look at drafts of the plan. The subcommittee will be made up of members of the planning commission and the EAC

- Dennis and Betsy are interested in serving on the subcommittee
- Dennis asked if community members could be a part of it too, Michelle will check
- Michelle also shared a rough outline of the plan and explained the goal of the document which will be to communicate township goals (to educate residents and make the community cleaner, healthier, etc.) and progress towards meeting those goals.

Public Comment

None.

Adjourned at 8:30pm

NEXT MEETING – September 27, 2018