

**East Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2020**

Present: Dennis Ray, Samantha Uyeno, Betsy Burns, Milissa Hirst & Lynda Rebarchak
Staff: Michelle Rubin

Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 7pm. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the June monthly meeting was duly advertised and held electronically through the Zoom application via telephone and the internet.

Minutes from the May meeting were approved without changes.

New Business

1. New Vacancy
 - Janet Burgoon has decided to step down from the committee in order to pursue other interests. There are 2 vacancies on the EAC. Michelle will work to advertise them.
2. New Member
 - The Board of Supervisors officially appointed Lynda Rebarchak to the EAC at their June meeting. Lynda's interests and skills include writing and gardening.
3. Draft Solar and Wind Ordinance
 - The EAC discussed the draft ordinance, but is still waiting on the final draft in order to support the ordinance. The Planning Commission is revisiting the ordinance based on feedback from Chester County. Discussion will continue at the July meeting.

Old Business

1. Ready for 100
 - Ready for 100 Info Sessions: Dennis reported that the Sierra Club is hosting zoom meetings for area municipalities interested in pursuing Ready for 100 goals. Each municipality signs up for \$50 and an unlimited number of people can attend from the municipality. Dennis and Michelle are currently signed up, other committee members are welcome to attend as well. The next meeting is July 8, meetings will run from July-October.
 - PACEA: A new group is being formed called Phoenixville Area Clean Energy Alliance, and it consists of the area municipalities pursuing the vision partnership grant together. There will also be periodic meetings of this group as well.
 - Solar Energy—No update
 - Energy Star Portfolio Manager. Dennis motioned for the township to have an energy audit done in order to understand Township energy consumption, Milissa seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - Vision Partnership Grant: A pre-application meeting with Susan Elks was held and a draft grant application has been started. They will keep the Phoenixville Regional Planning Commission informed, Charlestown doesn't want to participate at this time. The grant is due in September.
 - Power Purchase Agreement & Renewable Energy Credits

○ No updates

2. Recycling Education

- Meghan, the Township Administrative Assistant, will be contacting all haulers to collect information from them, recycling collection will be on the list.
- Michelle asked the Committee if they would be interested in helping her with a recycling audit of the Township's recycling containers. Over the years the items being put in there have caused the entire container to be trashed, so as an education opportunity Michelle wants to empty the bins and perform an audit on the contents, taking pictures for education use. The committee discussed doing this activity for their July meeting. All committee members would be outdoors in their own work stations, will wait to decide based on weather and COVID. Michelle will also cross check this with the recycling collection date.

3. Stormwater

- The Township may be applying for grants to improve riparian buffer corridors in the Township. If the grants are awarded, the EAC can be involved in organizing a tree planting event.

4. Single Trash Hauler

- Everyone has been admitted to the DropBox. Michelle will follow up with Kim for next steps.

Public Comment

None.

Adjourned at 7:49pm.

The next EAC meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2020.