

**East Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2020**

Present: Dennis Ray, Betsy Burns, Milissa Hirst & Lynda Rebarchak

Absent: Samantha Uyeno

Guests: Kirk; Paula Salanitro (potential volunteer); & Brett Obara (potential volunteer)

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the July monthly meeting was duly advertised and held electronically through the Zoom application via telephone and the internet.

Minutes from the June meeting were approved without changes.

Lynda Rebarchak was unanimously voted in as the EAC Secretary.

New Business

1. French Creek Trail User Survey Results

- Michelle reported that the French Creek Trail User Survey was recently completed. 309 participants commented on their use of the trail and additions or improvements they would like to see. A number of people responded and indicated that they would like more education about the flora and fauna along the trail; they would also like to see more native plantings and wildflowers.
- The EAC members discussed ideas for improved education along the trail including tree ID plaques, a tree scavenger hunt and more. Betsy is knowledgeable about tree ID and will make a list of the trees immediately along the trail. Michelle can have the signs made up. Dennis also asked if a bench plaque could be re-made, it used to inform people that the bench was made from a Penn Oak. Michelle will have the plaque remade and affixed to the bench.

Old Business

1. Ready for 100

- Ready for 100 Info Sessions: Michelle and Dennis will participate, other EAC members are encouraged to partake in the energy literacy series as well. The series starts in early August. Contact Dennis or Michelle for connection info.
- Energy Star Portfolio Manager. Michelle reported that the EAC needs to create a scope of work and get quotes from vendors who can do the audit before the Board will approve. The audit should be free, Dennis will reach out to PECO and confirm price, Michelle will work on the scope of work.
- Vision Partnership Grant: the PACEA group is meeting to work on presentations to Township Board of Supervisors to get commitment to participate in the grant.

2. Recycling Education

- Meghan, the Township Administrative Assistant, has been contacting all haulers to collect information from them, recycling collection will be on the list.
- The recycling audit is no longer possible as the Township will be getting rid of the recycling containers due to improper use.

3. Stormwater

- No updates

4. Single Trash Hauler

- Michelle asked committee members to look at the old survey and old scope of work on DropBox for ideas and changes. Committee discussed options: should we consider another survey? Can we make the scope of work more flexible for residents so they will want to join?
- The committee also discussed finding a grant for a marketing consultant.
- Michelle will reach out to the Townships who switched over and ask them how they did it and how it's going now.

Public Comment

None.

Adjourned at 7:48pm.

The next EAC meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2020.