

**East Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2022**

Present: Paula Salanitro, Keith Barnaby, Aparna Maddali, & Lynda Rebarchak

Absent: Dennis Ray

Staff: Michelle Rubin & Kim Moretti

Guests: Don Szabo & Peter Lehman

Vice chairperson Paula Salanitro called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the April monthly meeting was duly advertised and held electronically through the Zoom application via telephone and the internet, and also in-person at the Township Building.

Keith motioned to approve the meeting agenda as amended. Lynda seconded, and the amended agenda was unanimously approved.

Lynda motioned to approve the February meeting minutes. Keith seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

1. Upcoming Events

- Earth Day Road Clean Up Recap
 - Paula, Lynda, Dennis, and Keith all attended. The crew collected a full truck bed of trash from Firehouse Lane to Coldstream Road.
- Hidden River Tree Planting, Saturday, April 30, 10am
 - Michelle reminded the committee about the Tree Planting on Saturday, April 30 at Hidden River Park & Preserve. Keith and Aparna will attend.
- Guided Bird Walk, Saturday May 7, 9am
 - The walk will be led by Richard Wolf again this year. Lynda will pick up binoculars and attend. Will be postponed if there is rain.
- E-Waste Event, Saturday, June 25, 9am
 - East Pikeland will partner with Schuylkill Township again to host an E-waste event for township residents. Both East Pikeland and Schuylkill EACs will provide volunteers. Dennis, Lynda, Keith, and Aparna can all attend and may split shifts. Continue to discuss at next meeting. Michelle will reach out to Schuylkill Township to confirm their volunteers.

2. Ready for 100 — Updates

- Clean Energy Transition Plan Update: An assessment of the Township Building was completed. The committee members have been asked to add to a list of regional stakeholders that should be engaged in the process of creating the plan and educating the public.

3. Tree ID signs, French Creek Trail Update

- Matt has not had time to address this, can work on it more after the tree planting is complete.

4. Single Trash Hauler

- The committee members continued to discuss this topic. Dennis will reach out to his EAC contacts at Schuylkill to learn where they are at in the process.

New Business

1. Volunteer Candidates
 - Peter Lehman and Jeff Wallin are both interested in open positions.
2. Compost Workshop Planning
 - The workshop has been scheduled for August 3 and August 10 at the Township Building. It has been advertised in the Township Summer Newsletter and Michelle will create posters and do other promotions. She will order 25 composters with worm vouchers. Keith is taking the lead, and will need co-presenters. Lynda and Paula will both be there to support. The committee needs to put materials and handouts together.
3. Home Grown National Park Discussion
 - Betsy had been spearheading. Keith found a handout from Penn State Extension about natural lawns that would be a good handout. Michelle suggested that the committee put together a grass to meadow article for the newsletter. Keith and Paula were interested.
4. Open Space Celebration 6/25
 - Michelle invited the committee to attend the Open Space Celebration event in Kimberton Park on Saturday, June 25 at 6:30pm. The Open Space Committee requested that the EAC have a table at the event to share information with the community. Michelle specifically requested that the EAC have a kid's activity available as well. Keith and Paula may be able to attend and will check their calendars.

Public Comment

Don Szabo, Township resident, said that his offer to help Matt with the Tree ID signs still stands. He also commented that in his opinion, single trash hauler is a waste of time.

Keith asked about the status of recycling and trash bins along the trail. The recycling bins are gone and need to be replaced. Michelle will look into it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.