

**East Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2022**

Present: Dennis Ray, Paula Salanitro, Betsy Burns & Lynda Rebarchak
Staff: Kim Moretti, Township Manager

Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 7pm. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the January 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.

Dennis requested to add the Feb. 26 statewide EAC conference to the agenda as New Business. Betsy motioned to approve the revised meeting agenda. Paula seconded, and the agenda was unanimously approved.

Lynda motioned to approve the November meeting minutes. Paula seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

1. Reorganization

- Betsy nominated Dennis to continue as Chair, and he was unanimously approved. Dennis nominated Paula as Vice-Chair, and after a brief discussion on duties for this position, Paula was unanimously approved. Lynda volunteered to continue as Secretary, and was unanimously approved.

2. 2022 Goals

- Dennis reviewed the goals previously discussed: Continue CETP; Participate in NCC-EAC; Attend Statewide EAC 2/26; Roadside cleanup 4/23; Foster Community Education on Pollinators, Lawns, Compost & Energy; and Tree IDs along French Creek trail. Kim confirmed the location of the roadside cleanup, asking if we were looking for others to assist. Kim will ask Matt to keep the committee updated on signage for the

Tree IDs. Betsy asked to add the Bird Walk event (scheduled for 5/7), and Owl Prowl (scheduled for 12/3). Kim will send information on other events scheduled to council members.

3. Report to BOS 12/7/2021

- Dennis reported on the Clean Energy Transition Plan, advising that Spotts, Stevens & McCoy was awarded the consulting contract. Paul Spiegel, the principal of PES attended the township Planning Commission meeting, providing comments and suggestions to the draft Energy Transition Plan zoning amendment for renewable energy. Dennis also reported on the draft Solar Amendment, Open Space, the Statewide EAC conference, Tree IDs and plans for a Composting Workshop.

4. Ready for 100

- Dennis reported that the Clean Energy Transition Plan is moving along, and that there will be a lot of community involvement in the future.

New Business

1. Volunteer Candidates

- Candidate Dr. Aparna Maddali was in attendance and spoke to the group about her background and experience. She asked about tree removal in conjunction with the solar ordinance. Kim will have the Zoning Officer look into that. Dennis mentioned the two other interested candidates - Jade Neff and Keith Barnaby, explaining the process of becoming an EAC member, and that all should plan to attend the next meeting on 2/24.

2. NCC-EAC Meeting

- The date for this virtual meeting was changed to 2/21 at 7 pm.

3. Chester County Solid Waste Authority's Zero Waste Grant

- On 12/9, Michelle Rubin advised that the Township/EAC was awarded the above grant to host a two-day workshop to cover yard and home composting, lead by EAC members, possibly this spring.

4. Home Grown National Park Program

- Betsy encouraged all EAC members to visit the website <https://homegrownnationalpark.org> and watch the videos on biodiversity. The Home Grown group is looking for people to join and donate. Would like residents to get away from all manicured lawns and include native plants to increase diversity. Kim reported that the township has 2 new parks - 17 acres on Ridge Rd being returned to meadow, and 115 acres on Spring City Rd, being returned to forest and a riparian buffer. She also mentioned a riparian buffer planting taking place on Earth Day, 4/22, and a stormwater parking lot ordinance.

5. Statewide EAC Conference

- Dennis mentioned the 2/26 conference, encouraging all to try and attend to talk with other township EAC members virtually, learning about planned activities. Kim reminded the group that the township can reimburse the registration fee for EAC members.

Public Comment

Dr. Arparna Maddeli asked about the NCC EAC Meeting. Dennis will send her the link.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.