

**East Pikeland Township  
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes  
September 22, 2022**

Present: Dennis Ray, Aparna Maddali, Peter Lehman, & Lynda Rebarchak

Absent: Paula Salanitro & Keith Barnaby

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Guests: Don Szabo & Eric Hanson

Chairman, Dennis Ray, called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Lynda motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Dennis stated that he had a number of additions to the agenda. Lynda motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Peter seconded, and the amended agenda was unanimously approved.

Aparna motioned to approve the June meeting minutes. Lynda seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Old Business**

1. Ready for 100 — Updates
  - Northern Chester County Clean Energy Future (NCC-CEF)
    - Dennis reported on the recent meetings of the committee. East Pikeland has led the charge on a zoning ordinance pertaining to solar and wind. It will be on the October 4 Board of Supervisors agenda. The group participated in tabling at Greenixville, a sustainably-focused festival in Phoenixville.
    - Stakeholder Meetings: East Pikeland's first meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, November 10 at the Township Building. Help is needed to contact potential attendees.
2. Chester county Climate – Plan and Progress Meeting
  - Dennis attended the meeting—there were a number of panelists discussing what sustainability steps are being taken in Chester County.
3. Path to Net Zero
  - Dennis attended the Phase 1 meeting which centered mostly on large facilities. Phase 2 is coming up on October 4 if anyone else is interested in attending.
4. Upcoming Events
  - E-Waste Event Recap
    - Paula, Aparna, and Dennis worked the event. Collected two large trucks totaling almost 14,000lbs – Michelle indicated that this may become an every other year occurrence.
  - Open Space Celebration Recap
    - The EAC had a table at the event and engaged with a number of people interested in their work.
  - Kimberton Fair tabling, Recap
    - Everyone participated in the tabling, talked with a number of people about EAC projects
  - Compost Workshop Recap

- Very successful workshop with around 25 people in attendance at the two classes. The Township received a grant and was able to give participants a free vermicomposter. Keith led the sessions and did a wonderful job!
  - Chester County Clean Energy Tour
    - Dennis reported that the upcoming tour would be virtual this year.
5. Single Trash Hauler
- It was reported that AJ Blosenski was purchased by Waste Management. Dennis will ask Schuylkill EAC for their single hauler research to date.

## **New Business**

1. Budget/Projects 2023
  - The committee discussed ideas for projects in 2023. Board members discussed hosting the normal activities including bird walk, owl prowl, and road clean up. Would like to do additional workshops or host speakers. Other expenses include clean energy meetings and a native planting. The Board discussed overlapping with park and recreation things involving clean ups and park maintenance.
2. EAC Network Fall gathering 10/22 Haverford Community and Environmental Center. \$65
  - If members would like to attend the gathering sign up and if you attend the Township will reimburse you for the fee.
3. Planet Local, 11/13 @ Colonial Theater
  - Documentary at the Colonial theater if anyone wants to attend.
4. NCC EAC Meeting -- 9/24 at Welkinweir
  - Free to attend, starts at 8:30. Dennis will re-send the information.

## **Public Comment**

Eric Hanson introduced himself and indicated that he would be interested in joining the committee.

Dennis reported that Keith Barnaby has requested a leave of absence from the Board. His position will be tentatively held until the spring unless someone else shows an interest in it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.