

Environmental Advisory Council  
September 14, 2021 – 7:00 PM  
ZOOM Videoconference

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Christy Cheever called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
  - b. The following persons were in attendance: Christy Cheever (Vice Chair), Barry Fetterolf, Hope Blaythorne, Joe Kubiak, Jim Mansfield, John Francis (Board Liaison) and Debra McFadden (Administrator). Absent: Eric Allen (Chair) and William J. Birnes.
- II. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. **MOTION: Christy Cheever made a motion to approve the June 8, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Joe Kubiak.**
- III. Announcements
  - a. There were no new announcements.
- IV. New Business
  - a. There was no new business.
- V. Discussion Items
  - a. Ready for 100 Clean Energy Initiative
    - i. Jim Mansfield led discussion on cost effectiveness of the vehicle charging station. He will request a report on the station usage and will send out the analysis that he originally sent to John Francis.
    - ii. Jim Mansfield discussed the feasibility of the solar panel project on the Public Works Building in the 2022 budget. John Francis commented that the panels may not be feasible due to storm related issues such as the burnt-out chiller, replacing rescue vehicle and the police request for a highwater vehicle.
  - b. PECO Energy Assessment Program
    - i. Jim Mansfield discussed the draft letter to the Herald regarding the PECO audit, EAC to review. Jim Mansfield considered forming a working Group for Ready for 100 Clean Energy.

- c. Wild Area Stewardship / Tree City / Birdtown
  - i. Hope Blaythorne mentioned that she has not received feedback on Arbor Day Foundation. John Francis asked Debra McFadden to check emails to see if anything new has been received. Hope Blaythorne discussed the next steps for the initiative and how it can relate to Arbor Day. She will attend the Bird Summit and get back with suggestions. Hope Blaythorne mentioned seeking funding from Growing Greener and other sources.
  - ii. Hope Blaythorne reported that the Water Monitoring on the Primrose Creek was incredible - how can we leverage that experience? Hope Blaythorne will share drone footage of the flash flooding.
- d. Adopt-A-Highway / Cleanup Park
  - i. Christy Cheever reported no action at this time.
  - ii. Christy Cheever introduced the topic of plastic use reduction (not on the original Agenda) sent two drafts to the Board of Supervisors and received suggestion to delete the paragraph regarding the moratorium. John Francis suggested to wait until legislative aspect of this is settled. Christy Cheever will revise the letter and send out for review to the EAC Members.
- e. Deer Management
  - i. Christy Cheever said nothing to report.
- f. Coal-Tar Based Sealcoat
  - i. Joe Kubiak said that in 2021 there are now 8 bans and 10 resolutions against coal tar seal coating (all in Western PA). John Francis suggested a resolution to the Board of Supervisors be sent.  
  
The Bucks County Times and The Intelligencer sealcoat opinion articles written by Joe Kubiak were published July 21, 2021.
  - ii. Joe Kubiak has been in contact with Mandy Steel who has done extensive research on the effects of coal tar on streams and rivers. Joe Kubiak to provide data points and Mandy Steele offered to attend a Board of Supervisors Meeting (virtually).
  - iii. Joe Kubiak completed the sealcoat article for the Solebury Township website. Joe Kubiak suggested a more impactful presence for the cold tar issue on the

website. HOA letters regarding sealcoat environmental concerns were mailed in June 2021.

- g. EAC Logo
    - i. Christy Cheever resent the EAC logo selections. The members made their selection (#3 orange and green leaves). John Francis suggested to send EAC Logo to the Board of Supervisors for approval and compatibility with Township Logo.
    - ii. The committee will continue to research the cost in preparation to eventually create a proposal to provide to the Board of Supervisors.
  - h. Re-useable Bag Drive
    - i. Christy Cheever nothing to report -this is more long-term initiative will have pricing by the next meeting.
  - i. EAC Website / Social Media
    - i. Jim Mansfield mentioned that EAC Website is an evolving project and that if any members have anything to add to the website to let him know.
    - ii. Joe Kubiak commented that Jim Mansfield did a great job with the website.
- VI. Public Comment
- a. No Public Comment
- VII. Adjournment
- a. **MOTION: Christy Cheever made a motion at 8:07 pm to adjourn the September 14, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Barry Fetterolf.**

Respectively submitted,

Debra McFadden  
Environmental Advisory Council Administrator