

Environmental Advisory Committee

June 14, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Eric Allen called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.
 - b. The following persons were in attendance: Eric Allen (Chair), Christy Cheever (Vice Chair), Jim Mansfield (Member), Phil Getty (Member), Barry Fetterolf (Member), C.L. Lindsay III (Member) Shannon Pendleton (Associate Member), Timothy Marsh (Associate Member), John Francis (Board Liaison), Debra McFadden (Administration) and Jim Wiley. Hope Blaythorne (Member), was not in attendance.
- II. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. **MOTION: Eric Allen made a motion to approve the May 10, 2022 minutes with change. The motion was seconded by Jim Mansfield. The motion carried a unanimous vote.**
- III. Announcements

No announcements
- IV. Discussion Items
 - a. Ready for 100 Clean Energy Initiative
 - i. Jim Mansfield introduced Jim Wiley as the foremost champion of Ready for 100 and Clean Energy for South Eastern PA. Jim Wiley presented a collaborative website, pacleanenergy.com, for communities that are working to implement their climate action plans or energy transition plans. The website is divided into two sections: the government and the community. The government facing sections includes: planning, policy, transportation, webinars, financing, etc. Jim Wiley noted that he has seen a number of climate action plans where the heavy lifting for the community outreach falls to the EAC's. The other half of the website is community facing consisting of residents, building managers, employers, etc. It includes solar, buildings, financing and engagement suggestions. Jim Wiley reported that PA has 45 entities with clean goals, 23 community action plans, and 8 community energy transition plans. Jim Wiley

noted an important feature is the information and links for government entities to review best practice.

Jim Wiley is inviting Solebury Township to be a contributing member. He further added that use of the website is free for the next two years. The discussion following included cost and linking the Solebury Township website to this proposed site. Eric Allen asked whether this would be duplicating the work that Jim Mansfield has completed on the township website. There was much discussion on how to proceed. Eric Allen suggested that Shannon Pendleton, Timothy Marsh and Jim Mansfield form an ad hoc sub committee to discuss the ideas presented and get back to the EAC with something to vote on at the next EAC meeting.

- ii. Phil Getty led a brief discussion on carbon credits.
- b. Wild Area Stewardship / Bird Town
 - i. Hope Blaythorne was not present for the report.
- c. Deer Management
 - i. Eric Allen said nothing to report at this time.
- d. Bag Drive and Plastic Bag Incentive
 - i. Christy Cheever reported that at the June 21, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting the draft ordinance for the Plastic Bag Regulation will be up for public comment and consideration. Christy Cheever asked if the Plastic Ban Ordinance would be approved at the meeting. John Francis explained that there is a 2-week advertising period and then it will go back to the Board of Supervisors to take into consideration public comment, then there is a vote. Christy Cheever asked whether there will be a need for additional advertising. John Francis answered that no additional advertising was necessary since it has been publicly advertised and has gone through the official legal advertising requirement. Christy Cheever offered to draft a letter to the businesses if it passes with dates and information. John Francis asked for the letter to be posted on the on the township website so that the public will have adequate information. Eric Allen thanked Christy Cheever for all of her efforts.

e. Webpage Update / Social Media

- i. Eric Allen noted that this discussion item was covered with the earlier presentation.

f. Lighting Ordinance

- i. C.L. Lindsay III is working on and there is nothing to report at this time.

V. New Business

Timothy Marsh asked about the status of the Burning Ordinance after the Board of Supervisors meeting. C.L. Lindsay III said that Kevin Morrissey wanted input from other committees and a discussion followed on whether to have a Solebury Ordinance or enforce the State Ordinance.

Phil Getty mentioned the Devil's Tea Table, the NJDOT rockface project. He will send an email to Robert McEwan for an update.

Phil Getty reported that the modification to the NYC reservoir's piping system that would change the flow of water that would come down the river has been delayed for a year.

VI. Public Comment

No Public Comment

VII. Adjournment

- a. Eric Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectively Submitted,
Debra McFadden
EAC Administrative Assistant