

Environmental Advisory Council

October 11, 2022– 7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

- a. Eric Allen called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

The following persons were in attendance: Eric Allen (Chair), Christy Cheever (Vice Chair), Jim Mansfield (Member), Barry Fetterolf (Member), Phil Getty (Member), Hope Blaythorne (Member), Shannon Pendleton (Associate Member), Tim Marsh (Associate Member), John Francis (Board Liaison) and Debra McFadden (Administrator).
Absent: C. L. Lindsay III (Member).

II. Approval of the September 13, 2022 Minutes

MOTION: Eric Allen made a motion to approve the September 13, 2022 Minutes.

Barry Fetterolf seconded the motion. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

III. Announcements

- a. Jim Mansfield announced the Energy and Climate Change Forum will be held at the New Hope-Solebury High School in the cafeteria on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

IV. Discussion Items

- a. Ready for 100 Clean Energy Initiatives

i. Jim Mansfield reported that he has been working on the Energy and Climate Change Forum with Shannon Pendleton and John Francis. Their last coordinating meeting was held this morning.

- b. Wild Area Stewardship / Watersheds

- i Hope Blaythorne thanked John Francis for the signed recertification.
- ii Hope Blaythorne talked about the exploration of a specific ordinance that will prevent trees from being removed if the tree is not diseased.
- iii Hope Blaythorne explained that the hybrid chestnut tree project is in the early stages.
- iv Hope Blaythorne announced that Peter Couchman, Executive Director of Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, will present at the February EAC Meeting.

- v Hope Blaythorne will send the EAC adopted Birdtown Municipal Resolution to John Francis.
 - vi Hope Blaythorne is on the Nomination's Committee for the Birdtown Board and submitted the ballot for the existing Birdtown Board who are running unopposed.
 - vii Hope Blaythorne announced the Birdtown Summit will be held virtually on October 24, 2022.
 - viii Hope Blaythorne announced that Aquetong Watershed Association will hold their annual membership meeting at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6:30 pm and all are welcome. Phil Getty added that there will be speaker on the topic of Microplastics in the Environment.
 - ix Hope Blaythorne reported that the Primrose Creek Watershed Association had a riparian shrub and tree planting and received a grant to have honeybees. Hope Blaythorne will coordinate with the Conservation District and the Primrose Creek Watershed to see if they can seek grants for tree planting for next year.
- c. Deer Management
- i Eric Allen had nothing to report.
- d. Bag Drive and Plastic Bag Incentive
- i. Christy Cheever reported that the plastic bag ordinance went into effect on September 19, 2022. Conversation ensued between the committee members regarding this topic.
- e. EAC Website / Social Media
- i. Jim Mansfield had nothing to report.
 - ii. Jim Mansfield mentioned that he was still trying to locate the summary of all the watersheds that was originally located on the Primrose Creek Watershed website.
- f. Sustainability & Energy Plan
- i. John Francis explained that the Energy and Climate Forum is for the community to gather their input into our efforts towards the Energy Transition Plan and Sustainability. Shannon Pendleton, Peter Brussock,

Neale Dougherty and the New Hope-Solebury High School Environmental Club will present.

- ii. Shannon Pendleton gave an overview of the items on the agenda for the Energy and Climate Forum.

V. New Business

Eric Allen mentioned the Regional EAC Summit will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Doylestown Township Building. Eric Allen, Christy Cheever and Hope Blaythorne will be in attendance.

Eric Allen introduced the subject of hand-held leaf blowers. He mentioned an article that said that running a hand-held leaf blower for one hour is the equivalent of driving a car for 1,100 miles. Discussion followed on this topic.

Christy Cheever addressed the subject of a single trash hauler for Solebury Township. Discussion followed on this subject.

Shannon Pendleton added the topic of food waste and composting.

Phil Getty followed up on the Nockamixon Township Hydro Ordinance and reported that it is getting closer to approval. He said once approved, he will review and make notes on it.

Phil Getty reported that he was in contact with a geophysical company, TPI, who provided a quote utilizing EM61 technology to examine the Tuscarora Pipeline. He added that the quote came in at \$1,800.00 which he felt was reasonable. He asked the question should Milan Lint pay for the work since the portion of pipeline that we would like to evaluate is on his property. John Francis requested a copy of the proposal and a map that he could pass on to the township solicitor.

VI. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

VII. Adjournment

Eric Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Debra McFadden