

Environmental Advisory Council

December 6, 2022– 7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

**MINUTES**

I. Call to Order

- a. Eric Allen called the meeting to order at 7:05 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), C. L. Lindsay III (Member), Shannon Pendleton (Associate Member), Tim Marsh (Associate Member), John Francis (Board Liaison) and Debra McFadden (Administrator).

II. Approval of the November 8, 2022 Minutes

- a. The November 8, 2022 minutes will be available at the next meeting on January 10, 2023.

III. Announcements

- a. Eric Allen announced that Barry Fetterolf who has served as an EAC Member for over 20 years has decided to step down as a full-time member and will become an associate member effective January 1, 2023. Tim Marsh will take his place as a full-time member. Additionally, Eric Allen thanked Jim Mansfield for his service as an EAC member. Shannon Pendleton who was an associate member will be taking Jim Mansfield's place. John Francis asked that both Jim Mansfield and Barry Fetterolf each send a letter to notify the board.

IV. Discussion Items

Wild Area Stewardship / Watersheds

- i Heidi Shriver, President of Birdtown PA, was present and thanked the EAC for all of their work to become a Birdtown. Heidi Shriver presented the EAC with 2 new Birdtown signs and a certificate for passing the Birdtown Municipal Resolution. Heidi Shriver gave a brief overview of Birdtowns in PA.
- ii There was discussion on where the new Birdtown signs will be located.
- iii Hope Blaythorne said that a tree plan for Arbor Day will be created for the January meeting.

- iv Hope Blaythorne mentioned Earth Day planning and that she met with a falconer to explore how we might have him come to the Earth Day event for the township with a raptor.
  - v Hope Blaythorne reported that the Heritage Conservancy is working to organize a group of people who are interested in monitoring bird nest boxes next spring/summer on Heritage Conservancy preserves. Volunteers will be checking bluebird and wood duck nest boxes on a regular basis to determine which species are utilizing the boxes and if they are successfully raising young. Training will be provided. Please contact Tyler Kovacs, Conservation Steward, [@tkovacs@heritageconservancy.org](mailto:tkovacs@heritageconservancy.org), if you are interested in joining this program or if you have any questions about it.
  - vi Hope Blaythorne will share more visibility about the tier program for Birdtown in January.
  - vii There were no watershed updates at this time.
- a. Deer Management
    - i Eric Allen announced that he will be meeting with the Township Manager, Chris Garges and USDA Wildlife Technician, Nate Spence, to discuss the program and he will report back in January.
  - b. Sustainability
    - i. John Mansfield said that he met with Tim Marsh to review the work that was done over the last few years on the website regarding sustainability and water subjects.
    - ii. Jim Mansfield mentioned an article in the New York Times about heat pumps.
    - iii. Shannon Pendleton introduced a new resident, Jeanne Litwin, who attended the Sustainability Forum, who she met with to discuss her interest in the EAC. Jean has a background in environmental science and has done extensive site remediation. One of her interests is pedestrian walkability.
    - iv. Shannon Pendleton will be attending the New Hope Solebury High School Environmental Club meeting with facilities. The first two initiatives will be solar and food waste. Shannon Pendleton shared a link for school program grants through the [energy .gov energy exchange](https://www.energy.gov/energy-exchange) program. She will be looking into grants for the township.

- v. Shannon Pendleton would like to begin organizing and invited ideas for Earth Day. Phil Getty offered to be the liaison to Bucks County Audubon Society and will he will contact them regarding Earth Day.
- vi. The idea of an EAC Calendar and an EAC Open House was discussed.
- vii. Shannon Pendleton to arrange a meeting with Phil Getty and Hope Blaythorne about Earth Day ideas. Also, she will arrange for a meeting with Jim Mansfield on Sustainability before he leaves.

c. Social Media

- i. Tim Marsh and Jim Mansfield met on the management of website and he will give more clarity on the website in January.
- ii. Tim Marsh gave an update on the website, [pacleanenergy.com](http://pacleanenergy.com).

f. Recycling & Trash

- i. Christy Cheever reported that she added some revised language to the Plastic Bag Ordinance for splash guards, stirrers. The revisions will be sent to the Solicitor and then to the Board of Supervisors. Christy Cheever to follow up with the management at Giant for a date on when they will start charging for paper bags.
- ii. Jim Mansfield recommended that we add to the website each trash haulers list of disposal trash items that are accepted.
- iii. CL Lindsay III has begun researching different municipalities for a single township trash hauler.

V. New Business

Phil Getty asked for the New Business Agenda item to be moved to the beginning of the meeting. Eric Allen said that he is looking for new interests for the EAC and added that he wrote a letter to the Bucks County Herald on the noise created by leaf blowers. There was much discussion on noise abatement, ordinances, and enforcement. CL Lindsay III is researching light pollution and reviewing Tinicum Township's Light Ordinance and will get back to the committee on this item. Barry Fetterolf suggested bringing trout into the Aquetong Spring and offered to reach out to Trout Unlimited. There will be some research into this request and if possible a draft proposal to the EAC. Phil Getty reported that he is working on the amphibian crossing. Phil Getty said he is looking into reviving the Paunacussing Watershed. He attended the Carversville Historical Society Annual Meeting and met with Mark Baum Baicker, Board of

Supervisors Chair, who invited him to attend a field meeting in Carversville with the National Park Service. With grant money from the National Park Service, an engineering firm was brought in to do a study to mitigate the flooding.

Phil Getty opened up discussion on the Tuscarora Pipeline.

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VI. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

VII. Adjournment

Eric Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Debra McFadden