

Environmental Advisory Council

August 8, 2023– 7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

MINUTES

Members in attendance: Eric Allen (Chair), Hope Blaythorne, Shannon Pendleton, Tim Marsh, Phil Getty, Scott Blank, Jeanne Litwin, Louise Levy, Kate Robeson-Grubb, Robert McEwan (Board Liaison) and Debra McFadden (Administrator).

Absent: Christy Cheever (Vice Chair), C. L. Lindsay III, and Barry Fetterolf.

I. Call to Order:

a. Mr. Allen called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

II. Approval of the July 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes – The July 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes were tabled until the September meeting.

III. Announcements

a. Mr. Allen mentioned adhering to protocol when making motions and explained that minutes are an outline with references and that the meetings are virtually available on the website.

b. Mr. Getty recognized the passing of Bill Tinsman. Mr. Getty said that he was a great leader in our township and he will be sadly missed in the community. He mentioned that Bill Tinsman was instrumental in the environmental preservation of our township’s land and waters.

Mr. Getty suggested that a tree could be planted in his honor.

IV. New Business

No New Business.

V. Discussion Items

a. Sustainability

Ms. Pendleton gave an update on some of the Sustainability Sub Committee action items: attending all meetings and that she and Ms. Litwin plan on visiting all the committee meetings for their feedback, if the township were to hire a Sustainability Consultant what would they like to see in the RFP. Ms. Pendleton was asked by Mr. Garges to create a bulleted list by August 11, 2023. Ms. Pendleton asked the Council if they have any items to add to please send it to her.

Ms. Litwin presented information on the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Travel Options Program, a grant for creative ideas that reduce the number of Single

Occupancy Vehicles (SOV's) on area roads. Criteria – need to have the potential to: 1) be replicated, 2) advance to the next project stage, (3) transition to an ongoing work program and cannot be a construction project. An Expression of Interest (EOI) form must be submitted by September 15, 2023.

MOTION: Upon a motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Pendleton, it was unanimously endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to have the Sustainability Subcommittee representatives discuss the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Travel Options Program grant opportunity with Kate Robeson-Grubb and Chris Garges to explore if there is a project to propose in the Expression of Interest (due 9/15).

Ms. Pendleton gave a presentation on Energy Efficient Buildings (see virtual attachment). Some of the highlights of the presentation: 1.) Energy Auditing Equipment “Lending Library, 2). Energy Modeling and “All Electric Equipment”, 3). “Time of Use Pricing” and Load Shifting = Return on Investment. Discussion followed on the “Lending Library”.

MOTION: Upon a motion by Ms. Pendleton and seconded by Mr. Marsh, it was endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to allocate funds from the 2023 Sustainability Budget for the Energy Auditing Tools “Lending Library” with details to be determined. Motion carried a 5 to 1 vote.

b. Social Media

Mr. Marsh gave an update on the meeting with Ms. Blood and Ms. Scally and shared a draft procedure. Mr. Marsh to share the procedure with the other committees. Mr. Marsh sent a draft of the Energy Transition Plan landing page changes and discussed with Ms. Blood and Ms. Scally and would like the approval of the Council.

MOTION: Upon a motion by Mr. Marsh and seconded by Ms. Pendleton, it was unanimously endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to accept the Energy Transition Plan Website Changes.

c. Recycling and Trash

Ms. Litwin gave a recycling status update and submitted to the Council revisions to the township website on recycling for their review and approval (see virtual attachment). Ms. Litwin attended a recycling webinar with the Pennsylvania Resource Council and is coordinating with Buckingham Township on possible E-waste Recycling Events in 2023 and 2024.

MOTION: Upon a motion by Ms. Litwin and seconded by Mr. Marsh, it was unanimously endorsed by the Environmental Advisory Council to propose a budget of \$11,000 for E-Waste Recycling Events in both 2023 and 2024.

Ms. Levy stated that Solebury Township is located within the Department of Environmental Protection air basin which prohibits open burning and questioned the enforcement of it.

Mr. McEwan clarified the township's position on the enforcement of opening burning.

Ms. Litwin gave a presentation and an update on Recycling Status (see virtual attachment). Highlights of the presentation: Recycling Website Revisions, attended recycling webinars with the Pennsylvania Resource Council, E-Waste Recycling Event and E-Waste Collection Coordinator.

Mr. Blank gave a Municipality Waste Collection Presentation update (see virtual attachment). Highlights from the presentation: Tredyffrin Township with Solebury Township Data for comparison, Trash Hauler Meeting with J. P. Mascaro & Sons, and attended the Bucks County Solid Waste Advisory Committee(BCSWAC) Quarterly Meetings. Much discussion followed.

d. Wild Area Stewardship / Tree City / Birdtown

Ms. Blaythorne asked who will submit the Tree City certification this year?

No updates from Parks & Recreation on the Celebration Tree Program until September.

Upcoming tree-related events: 1.) August 10, 2023 – Can One Community Save a Forest?

2.) August 17, 2023- Gardening for Pollinators, 3.) August 24, 2023- The Story of the

Understory and Carnivores with Chloroplasts. Ms. Blaythorne highlighted the Raymond Farm Center for Living Arts and Design Center <http://www.raymondfarmcenter.org>.

Ms. Blaythorne reported that the Primrose Creek Association continued their efforts to stabilize Primrose Creek on the Solebury Campus with another tree planting earlier this year and invited everyone to stop by to take in the progress. It is located off of School Lane.

Aquetong Watershed Association has a Mushroom Walk on September 23, 2023 between 10 am and 12 pm and you can register at <https://www.aquetongwatershed.org/>.

Ms. Blaythorne is seeking a Birdtown Grant for a Birdtown Sketching Workshop, the proposed date is October 14, 2023. This is an introductory sketching class, How to Draw Birds, and the Environmental Advisory Council supports the cost of \$150. The session would be coupled with a bird education session. On August 26, 2023, there is an August Bird Walk in Primrose Creek/PECO Right of Way. Ms. Blaythorne is exploring fall migration programs for September and is working to register the township building as a bird habitat.

Mr. Blank asked if the events can be posted to the Environmental Advisory Council calendar. Mr. Marsh added that the calendar subject was tabled for the sake of time but explained that all events can be added but must be signed off by Mr. Allen and then sent to Ms. Blood or Ms. Scally .

e. Dark Skies

Mr. Allen reported that Ms. Cheever has volunteered to move forward and research this topic.

f. Miscellaneous

Mr. Getty gave a summary on the Primrose Water Association's report from the Delaware River Basin Commission because it mentions the former New Hope Crushed Stone Quarry.

VI. Public Comment

No Public Comment

VII. Adjournment

Eric Allen adjourned the meeting at 9.22 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Debra McFadden

Municipality Waste Collection Presentation

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Updates

Municipalities Considering or Recently Switched to Single Hauler System – Tredyffrin Township

Quick Facts for Tredyffrin [Solebury Data Bracketed in Red for Comparison]:

- **7,118 [2,432]**: Total number of occupied housing units a part of the Request for Bid (RFB)
- **2,561 [1,315]**: Number of multi-family HOA households excluded from RFB
- **31,944 [8.709]**: Total number of residents
- **217 [100]**: Miles of roadway
- **1,615 [327]**: Density (pops/square mile)

Timeline for Request for Bid:

- June 27, 2023: EAC approved draft RFB and recommended that Board of Supervisors approves release of RFB
- July 17, 2023: Board of Supervisors authorizes release of RFB
- July 24, 2023: RFB Distributed
- August 14, 2023: Pre-Bid Meeting (voluntary -- not mandatory)
- August 24, 2023: Bid Due
- September 18, 2023: Bid Awarded

Recent Developments: -Whitetail Disposal gives notice on July 25 that it will honor commitments for services through current paid quarterly services only and will not add or start new customers. Whitetail has approximately 2,500 customers in Tredyffrin – about one third of the housing units to be covered by the RFB. Whitetail increased presence in market when Republic ceased individual collection in September 2022. Republic's departure was one of the reasons why Tredyffrin began exploring a single hauler system.

Trash Hauler Meeting

J.P. Mascaro & Sons

- Meeting with Director of Sales and Marketing (41 years of service) and Deputy General Counsel (33 years of service) on 7.27.23
- J.P. Mascaro does not currently service Solebury (it does not offer individual subscription) but does have over 100 municipal contracts in PA (Bristol Borough, Lower Southampton Township, Upper Southampton Township, and Warminster Township in Bucks County and the remainder in other Pennsylvania counties – including Delaware, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Montgomery, and Northampton)
- The over 2,400 (non-HOA Solebury housing units) is meaningful

Bucks County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (BCSWAC) Quarterly Meetings

July 13, 2023

- Attended BCSWAC meeting in person
- Planning for upcoming single hauler forum

October 12, 2023

- Quarterly meeting of BCSWAC
- Public forum on single hauler scheduled
- Presentations by haulers (Whitetail Disposal and Waste Management) and certain municipalities