

Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2024

Members in Attendance:

Lisa Brown

Rea Monaghan

Brenda Doll (via zoom)

Marianne Grey

Associate Members: Rich Valiga

Board Of Supervisors Liaison: Tessie McNeely, Danielle Duckett (Zoom)

Staff in Attendance: Sandi Feight

1. Call to order, attendance, introductions of new members, participants, or visitors – Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.
2. Approval of prior minutes (attached) – Minutes accepted
3. Request to move items from Consent Agenda to Regular Agenda, and any other items to be considered as part of the Regular Agenda.
4. Approval of Regular Agenda – Approved.
5. Consent agenda: April 13th meeting minutes
6. Old Business
 - a. Wrap Up – Inflation Reduction Act – Energy Tax Credit Speaker
 - i. Tessie gave an overview from the evening including highlights from each of the presenters.
 - b. EAC Handbook
 - i. Lisa reviewed her idea of having a program planning document from previous events and programs that the EAC has implemented. This document would have all the details for how the program / event was implemented; location, dates, times, where supplies were ordered, general cost and general notes. Lisa will be reaching out to the members who have spearheaded some of these programs/events for them to complete the form and return to her.
7. Long Range Plan Discussion
 - a. The EAC was given a month to review the decision and guidance from the joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors. Sandi began the review of the decision and guidance giving an update on various tasks. Discussion items:
 - i. Rain Garden / Pollinator Garden at Penllyn Woods to be relocated to Veterans. There is a building maintenance issue and to resolve the issue the garden had to be relocated. Additional gardens have been proposed in the 3 Park Master Plans the Parks & Recreation Board has been developing.
 - ii. Township Staff have engaged with Gilmore to seek a proposal to look at the forested areas owned by the Township.
 - iii. Single Use Plastics – the EAC must develop a strategic plan for progressing. That plan should include challenges and strategies used in other municipalities. The plan can also include speaker information sessions, conversations with the public at large to gain their input, including restaurants. The EAC should then review the information gathered from those sessions and look at the varying degree of support with a reassessment at the end to present to the Board of Supervisors.

- iv. RF 100 Energy Task Force – the EAC has been tasked with developing the criteria for this task force. The criteria should include; the skills, education and experience should be considered when the Board of Supervisors are selecting community members. Tessie noted other municipalities have created such committees and the EAC can create the criteria.
 - v. Sandi presented the updated EAC pages on the Township website and reviewed the communication outreach that the Township is undertaking.
- 8. Standing Items – Committee Liaison updates
 - a. Parks & Recreation Department & Staff Liaison report review
 - i. Year to Date the shared fund for the Board and Commission has spent \$2,287.29
 - b. Planning Commission liaison
 - i. Rich noted the Planning Commission did not meet last month and will not be meeting this month.
 - c. LGT Comprehensive Plan liaison
 - i. Rich gave a detailed update of the last meeting.
- 9. Points of Interest/General Comments
 - a. Other meetings of interest
 - b. Proposal to Host We Conserve PA 2025 – This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting concluded: 9:00 pm

Next Meeting: June 12th, 2024