Nether Providence Township Environmental Advisory Committee	August 24, 2022 7-8 PM

Meeting Agenda and Minutes

I. Call to Order, Attendees, Agenda, Minutes

a) Attendees and any new members/interest

Attending: Bill Silverstein, Cory Salmon, Shaina Barnes, Dave Grady, Paul Jacobs, Jane Miluski, Mike Krauss, and guest Green Advisor Tina Chen. Apologies: Ken Rose, Krikor Panossian, Alex Morrison, and Marty Molloy.

i) Approval of the **agenda and minutes** (July 27, 2022 prepared by Bill S)

The agenda and minutes were approved as distributed.

II. New Business

a) Recent and Upcoming events
   i) Delco Municipal Waste Advisory Committee
      Bill S reported the 8/4 meeting was postponed to the 9/1 meeting. The draft Plan is available to the public. Bill will attend the meeting.
   ii) Community events schedule
      Krikor and Jane will attend Unity Day Saturday 8/27
      Family Fun Day at SHMS is 10/15
   iii) All Other New Business

III. Old Business and Open Issues (organized per planning document with priority items noted)

Waste Minimization, Recycling, & Disposal (Zero Waste)

a) Plastic bag ordinance – Timing of NPT draft. Other ordinances/Report on August meeting. Jane asked if there were questions from the Commissioners. It was reported they are interested in whether there are downsides they should know about. Potential issues discussed are whether/how much a paper bag fee should be, whether there is any pushback from merchants, exemptions for food banks, whether to include straws, and who would provide/pay for signage. It was agreed that EAC representatives should attend the 9/4 Commissioners meeting to further introduce the issue/answer any questions as well as contact Erica Burman and attend the 9/4 Media EAC meeting to learn about their implementation and ask about their decision not to have a mandated bag fee. The next step is to develop an NPT draft.

b) Delco Municipal Waste Advisory Committee (meets first thursday at noon). 8/4 meeting canceled after first draft issued. Next Thurs 9/1 at noon.

c) NPT Refuse Committee - Commissioners plan for composition and schedule.
   It was agreed Bill S will serve as the EAC rep, and that Mike would volunteer in Marty's ward. There was no schedule available yet as the Committee is in formation.

d) Recycling contract - bidding, data feedback, invoicing
   The recycling contract is out to bid - with a fuel cost adjustment

e) Video and shared learning on recycling via Green Advisors

A different project was selected. See the next section.

<u>Clean, Renewable Energy by 2050</u>

f)   Actionable projects (energy audit, muni garage solar, EV vehicle planning)
           Green Advisor Tina Chen will be working on a project relating to solar readiness for the NPT garage reconstruction, including working with the engineer for the project.

   i)   EV/budget status

           Paul reported an electric truck is not an option. Code enforcement vehicle options will be considered through budget time.

<u>Climate Change Action Plan</u>

g)   Manage stormwater plans – any specific action?

<u>Use of Native Plants (and Open Spaces)</u>

h)   Update on PECO tree removal (Moylan and Copples Lane Area and Baltimore Pike)
           The planned PECO meeting was canceled
i)   Bird Town PA committee
j)   Furness Park invasive species management plan
k)   Consider public education on mosquito spraying (likely part of Bird City, PA)

<u>EAC Connections to Commissioners, Other Organizations, and Municipalities</u>

l)   D. Grady contact with Roger Latham/Rose Valley EAC

           It was reported that Rose Valley would appreciate more information sharing and the possibility of future joint contracting on waste or recycling

<u>Education and Outreach to NPT Residents</u>

m)   Swarthmore Green Advisors program proposal - not yet? (Paul and David)

           Tina Chen attended the meeting and her project related to NPT garage solar was discussed. The other Green Advisor (Sophia) was not yet on campus for the semester and her project will be developed soon.

n)   Next NPT newsletter/communications (due to Mona Price 8/30)

           EAC content will include an intro to bag bans and recycling do's and don'ts

I. Meeting Adjournment - Next Meeting: September 28 at 7 PM (4th Wednesday at 7)