

## **Meeting Agenda and Minutes**

### **I. Call to Order, Attendees, Agenda, Minutes**

- a) Attendees and any new members/interest

Attendees: Bill Silverstein, Ken Rose, Jane Miluski, Paul Jacobs, Cory Salmon, Michael Krauss, Krikor Panossian, Alex Morrison, Dave Grady, and Shaina Barnes.

- i) Approval of the agenda and minutes (February 23, 2022, prepared by Ken Rose)

The minutes and agenda were approved as distributed before the meeting.

### **II. New Business**

- a) Upcoming events

- i) EAC Conference – February 26

Paul and Ken's summary of this EAC Conference were embedded in the minutes of the February meeting.

- ii) 3/29 DCSWA Info Session

- iii) 4/7 Delco Regional Recycling Forum from 7 to 9PM

This virtual forum on April 7 will be sponsored by Rep Mike Zabel and the Upper Darby EAC. Register at: <https://bit.ly/3BSN5aE> . NOTE: Ken and Bill attended this forum.

- iv) 4/18 RF100

The minutes of the March meeting are on the website.

- v) 4/21 Delco Sustainability Conference - Tabling opportunity

Where: Subaru Park, 1 Stadium Dr, Chester PA 19013

Date & Time: April 21, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

A light breakfast, lunch and snack will be provided. All Vegan.

Hear from experts and everyday sustainability heroes through the lens of six focus areas: Health & Wellness, Energy, Zero Waste, Transportation, Climate Resiliency, and Natural Resources. Questions can be emailed to [sustaindelco@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:sustaindelco@co.delaware.pa.us)

NOTE: Conference space is very limited. Pre-registration via EventBright is required

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1st-annual-2022-delaware-county-sustainability-conference-registration-254664236587>

- vi) Delco Municipal Waste Advisory Committee listening sessions (4/28, 5/26, 6/30)

This committee was recently formed by Delaware County to review/guide the process for the 10-year plan for municipal waste. Bill is now a member of the Delco Solid Waste Authority Board and will update our EAC as work progresses.

- b) How to prioritize/sustain EAC progress
  - i) Community calendar - created - some events added
  - ii) Document sharing - created - agendas/minutes/planning docs posted
  - iii) Ownership of planned actions
  - iv) Communicating follow-up

Paul has created a Google space for EAC documents, including calendar entries. Bill encouraged members to use these tools to post upcoming events, documents, and meeting minutes. A password is needed only for administrative purposes. Ken asked whether a Google space satisfies community transparency requirements; Dave thinks that it does.

- c) All Other New Business

Alex and Dave said that a management plan for invasive species is being considered for Furness Park, including a focus on bamboo, lesser celandine, English ivy, Asiatic bittersweet, and others.

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

#### Waste Minimization, Recycling, & Disposal (Zero Waste)

- a) Waste collection data - FYI 9 of 49 muni's have residents individually contract
- b) Plastic bag ordinance – 2/8/2022 Media EAC session, received Haverford draft

Dave will talk to Media Borough to find out the likely effective date of their plastic ban ordinance. Our EAC sees value in using similar language in an NPT ordinance and we will need to plan a schedule for seeking endorsement for such an ordinance this year.

- c) Delco new Municipal Waste Advisory Committee formed. Bill S. appointed to DCSWA

#### Clean, Renewable Energy by 2050

- d) Acme Plaza EV charging in operation

Bill mentioned that DelCo County reported at a recent meeting that they have received a \$1M grant to purchase electric vehicles.

- e) Promote energy minimization – Attended 2/16 Solarizing Your Municipality. Further coordination is recommended.

Krikor and Dave are waiting for more information from their contact at Solar States.

- f) Reprioritize actionable projects (energy audit, muni garage solar, EV vehicle planning)

Dave said that Bob Linn is conducting a review of potential projects which will include some of those shown above.

## Climate Change Action Plan

- g) Manage stormwater plans – any specific action?

## Use of Native Plants (and Open Spaces)

- h) Nothing right now per planning
- i) Consider public education on mosquito spraying. And what does NPT do?

## EAC Connections to Commissioners, Other Organizations, and Municipalities

- j) 2/26 EAC Network Conference
- k) Requests from Commissioners/report at meetings – were letters sent re 537 Plan?
- l) Sierra Club/RF100 – Did not attend February meeting. Follow up from January was discussion with Howard Sherman re Media contact and sharing educational info

## Education and Outreach to NPT Residents

- m) Swarthmore Green Advisors program proposal (Paul and David)

Paul said that the current project for the Swarthmore Green Advisors has now finished. Our EAC will need to decide in the coming months whether we should propose a new project and, if so, in what area. Ken suggested that any topic that relates to the RF100 objective would be helpful. Other ideas included signage for walking trails, eliminating invasive plants in NPT parks, or evaluating best practices that have been implemented in neighboring municipalities. Ken also suggested asking the current Green Advisor students what they would suggest.

Paul mentioned that the Green Advisors made a presentation on composting opportunities to the School District's administration. Paul said that he would make the presentation available to EAC members.

- n) Next NPT newsletter/communications (topics and timing)
- o) Scout troop contact

Jane said that her discussion with a local Boy Scout troop will be held on Monday, April 25, covering recycling issues as they relate to climate change. Other committee members are invited to join if interested.

- p) Opportunity at 4/21 Delco Sustainability Conference

## **I. Meeting Adjournment - Next Meeting: April 27 at 7 PM (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7)**

### Highlights from the March 23, 2022 Meeting:

- The EAC welcomed NPT Commissioner Shaina Barnes to the meeting along with Commissioner Marty Molloy. The NPT Commissioners have revised their roles and responsibilities so that Shaina will be the EAC's primary contact in the future and help to coordinate issues covering community, environment, and health.
- Two EAC members participated in the February 8, 2022 discussion on plastic bag ordinances hosted by the Media Borough EAC.
- The EAC agreed to create a shared space for EAC calendar information and documents.