

Meeting Agenda and Minutes

I. Call to Order, Attendees, Agenda, Minutes

- a) Attendees and any new members/interest

In attendance: Bill Silverstein (by Zoom), Ken Rose, Jane Miluski, Paul Jacobs (by Zoom), David Grady, and Shaina Barnes. Apologies: Mike Krauss, Cory Salmon, Alex Morrison, Krikor Panossian, and Marty Molloy.

- i) Approval of the agenda and minutes (April 27, 2022, prepared by Dave Grady)

The meeting agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

II. New Business

- a) Recent and Upcoming events
- i) Delco Municipal Waste Advisory Committee listening sessions (4/28 Guiding Principles, 5/26 Zero Waste Initiatives, 6/30 Draft Plan Elements)

The DelCo Municipal Waste Advisory Committee is conducting listening sessions now in order to hear from constituents about waste issues. A summary presentation to DelCo Council is expected in October, 2022 with an action plan by June, 2023. In the near term, The Committee issued guiding principles for their work on April 28, discussed zero waste initiatives on May 26, and will discuss draft plan elements on June 30. Bill Silverstein has recordings of the meetings held so far which are available.

Potential ideas to this committee were discussed, including a county-wide yard waste recycling center, a cardboard-only recycling center, a better battery recycling option, and a composting facility for industrial-level waste, such as straws, plates, and compostable cups. Dave Grady also reminded everyone that there is already an electronics recycling option, through the for-profit RETRIEVR company.

A separate NPT Waste Team is planned to mirror the county-wide effort but there has not been a discussion about this team by the NPT Commissioners so far.

- ii) Scout meeting on recycling – Held May 16th

Jane Mikulski reported on her May 16 meeting with local Boy Scouts about recycling principles and 'do's and don'ts'. About 12-15 Scouts and 5 adults participated in which Jane explained the principles and science of recycling through an interactive and constructive dialogue.

A similar approach could be taken in other venues, such as at a community event like the South Media Fire Company Nights or Movie Night at Hepworth Park.

Jane also recommended that we try Earth Breeze laundry detergent as an environmental alternative to laundry detergent.

- 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

Bill Silverstein encouraged us to continue to put events and other documents on the EAC's Google calendar.

- c) 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 – Media Status?, Haverford passed 4/11 (for 1/2023)

Media Borough issued a draft ordinance for plastic bags on May 19 and appears to be targeting further discussion at their June meeting. Haverford passed their own ordinance on April 11. As far as Dave Grady is aware, Swarthmore has not yet had a discussion on this topic but Dave will follow-up to check.

Our EAC will continue to monitor these developments in preparation for drafting an ordinance for Commissioners' consideration. No time frame has been discussed for bringing a draft ordinance to the attention of the NPT Commissioners.

- b) Delco Municipal Waste Advisory Committee - Consider NPT needs/desires as an EAC
- c) Update on DCSWA contracts.
- d) Is NPT waste team forming? (See Item II.a.i)
- e) Recycling forum noted above - follow up on possible video and shared learning on recycling

See III.m for more information.

Clean, Renewable Energy by 2050

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

We discussed potential capital purchases for 2022-23 that could qualify as actionable projects under the 'clean and renewable energy' resolution. While 2 police cars are proposed for purchase in 2023, a code enforcement vehicle is also planned and is a more logical choice for an electric vehicle. A new lawn mower might also be an opportunity for an EV depending on charging and use requirements. Dave Grady mentioned that West Goshen recently purchased a Tesla all-electric vehicle for their fleet.

Climate Change Action Plan

- h) Manage storm water plans – any specific action?

There was no update on the current storm water management plan.

Use of Native Plants (and Open Spaces)

- i) Furness Park invasive species management plan
There was no update on the invasive plants management plan for Furness Park.
- j) Consider public education on mosquito spraying.

EAC Connections to Commissioners, Other Organizations, and Municipalities

- k) DCSWA outreach to COG

Education and Outreach to NPT Residents

- l) Swarthmore Green Advisors program proposal (Paul and David)
A potential idea for next year's Green Advisors program was discussed at the April meeting, creating a video on recycling that could be shared among several local municipalities. Paul Jacobs and Dave Grady will continue to think about this idea for a new proposal.
- m) Next NPT newsletter/communications (topics and timing) - one just came out with good EAC and Green Advisors content.
- n) New Land Development – 6 Chestnut Parkway, Oak Valley Road
Dave Grady mentioned that a new land development parcel on Oak Valley Rd might provide an opportunity.

I. Meeting Adjournment - Next Meeting: June 22 at 7 PM (4th Wednesday at 7)

We discussed the date for the June meeting. Dave Grady cannot attend on June 22 due to travel but the EAC decided to go ahead and meet as planned.