

## **Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes**

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

- a) Attendees and any new members/interest  
(1) Welcome visitor Noelle Coker

Attendees: Bill Silverstein, Ken Rose, Paul Jacobs, Shaina Barnes, Krikor Panossian, Jane Miluski, Mike Krauss, and Noelle Coker. Absent: David Grady, Cory Salmon, Alex Morrison, Marty Molloy

Noelle Coker was warmly welcomed to the Committee Meeting.

- ii) Approval of the **agenda and minutes** (September 28, 2022 prepared by Ken R)

The meeting minutes from the September 28 meeting were approved as was the agenda for the November 21 meeting.

- iii) October meeting was canceled due to multiple conflicts

### **II. New Business**

- a) Recent and Upcoming events
- i) Community events schedule - report on any attended
- Learn to be a more effective recycler - PA Resource Council at St. John Lower Hall (10/2 at 10:30) – There were no participants reported by the NPT EAC members.
  - PA Sustainability Summit - 10/3-10/7 - by PA GreenGov Council - virtual - There were no participants reported by the NPT EAC members.
  - Family Fun Day 10/15 – Paul, Tina, and Shaina participated in this event with Paul and Tina providing a recycling demonstration that was popular with the kids. There was discussion about creating a durable sign for the NPT EAC that can be used at events of this sort. Shaina will help Dave and Jane source such a sign for future events.
  - The EAC Network Fall Gathering, Saturday October 22 - There were no participants reported by the NPT EAC.
- ii) **PUC public hearings re: Delcora/Aqua** - 11/17 – The public hearing was held on November 17 so that residents could provide input to the PUC on the Delcora/Aqua acquisition. Bill Silverstein provided input at the public hearing.
- iii) 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 – Report on preparation of NPT draft.** – Media Borough’s plastic bag ordinance will take effect on January 1 and Borough merchants have begun handing out leaflets on the ordinance to shoppers. Dave expects to table a draft ordinance for NPT at the

December Commissioners Meeting. Bill Silverstein will check with Upper Providence on the status of a similar ordinance while Dave Grady checks with Swarthmore.

- b) Delco Municipal Waste Advisory Committee (meets first Thursday at noon). – There was no report on this Committee.
- c) **NPT Refuse Committee** - In formation. First meeting tomorrow 11/22 - still looking (when last I checked) for resident members from wards 1 (Bullens Ln. to Chester Rd.), 3 (South Media) and 6 (Waterville-Brookhaven and Putnam) – Some concern was expressed on the size of the NPT Refuse Committee. Shaina Barnes, Marty Molloy, Bill Silverstein, Mike Krauss, and Krikor Pannosian are on this Committee.
- d) **Recycling contract** - bidding, data feedback, invoicing
  - i) price increase – The new recycling contract includes an increase in the pickup fee. There was also discussion about the need to periodically audit the performance of the recycling contractor.
  - ii) consideration of yard waste pickup

#### Clean, Renewable Energy by 2050

- e) Actionable projects (energy audit, muni garage solar, EV vehicle planning)
  - i) EV/budget status
  - ii) Green Advisor solar project – Paul Jacobs reported that he and Tina measured the potential for solar panels on the NPT Municipal Building and on the Facilities Garage. Their measurements suggest that about 47 panels could be installed at the Municipal Building and another 17 panels could be installed at the Garage. The total number of panels could service both buildings based on proximity. The solar electricity output is expected to be higher at the Municipal Building, especially in the winter months.  
  
Dave Grady has reached out to potential contractors and the project installation cost seems to be within reach for the Municipal Building. A questions was raised as to why the older solar panels on the Garage are apparently not producing electricity, according to the meter that is on the Garage.
  - iii) Commissioners and Planning Commission considering solar ordinance - wording not yet drafted

#### Climate Change Action Plan

- f) Manage stormwater plans – any specific action? – There was no report on this topic.

#### Use of Native Plants (and Open Spaces)

- g) Update on PECO tree removal (Moylan and Copples Lane Area and Baltimore Pike)
- h) **Bird Town PA - It's official** – Bird Town PA signs are now available and will be posted around the Township. A Tree City USA application is in progress.
- i) Furness Park invasive species management plan
- j) Consider public education on mosquito spraying (likely part of Bird City, PA)

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

- k) no action

Education and Outreach to NPT Residents

- l) **Swarthmore Green Advisors program** update (Paul and David)
  - m) **NPT newsletter**/communications (recent articles on intro to bag bans and recycling do's and don'ts. **Next content due 12/1**) – Bill Silverstein has contacted Mona in the NPT Municipal Office about topics and timing.
- I. Meeting Adjournment** - Next Meeting: **December 21** at 7 PM (3rd Wednesday at 7). This is a change in meeting date which was incorrectly reported in the November meeting agenda and meeting - moved due to holiday schedule.