

2024-06-18 EAC Meeting Minutes

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

On-Site Attendees: Bill Silverstein, Dave Grady, Dan Dehner

Virtual: Shaina Barnes, Karen Shinkle,

Regrets: Krikor Panossian, Michael Krauss,

Minutes

1. Newest membership
 - a. No new members as of this meeting.
2. Lighting ordinance
 - a. Commissioner review of EAC recommendation
 - b. Drafting of ordinance
 - i. The Commissioners wanted to pursue the ordinance from the perspective of reducing the “nuisance” factor of unnecessary lighting as opposed to taking a full Dark Sky Model Ordinance approach, which may be difficult to objectively enforce.
3. Status of invasives removal (and recent community event) at Furness park
 - a. Kudzu has primarily been removed, and no additional work from ArcheWild Partners is expected. Township is seeking grant opportunities for bamboo removal.
4. Status of solar projects
 - a. Discussed Renewable energy
5. Recycling contract/invoice feedback
 - a. Bill - identified the invoice is dollars per ton
 - i. In March it was \$93/ton, then after the 5th it went up to \$99/ton

- ii. We do not know how they are putting this number together
 - 1. We have been pushing for a long time
- iii. Dave said there is a new member, who wants to meet with us
- iv. Dave thinks it is based on the market
- v. Issue now it is finding a market - it used to go to China, now India
- vi. Dave, the Board is looking into an RFP for Yard Waste
 - 1. Issue, the problem is that contractors will come in and overwhelm

6. Recycling stickers

a. Bill

- i. It would be helpful to pair someone w/ Jane
 - 1. Shaina volunteered

7. Potential Rain Garden restoration

a. Bill

- i. Would like to see if there was an original design
 - 1. Dave - it was 12 years ago
 - a. Dave will look for the person who helped design it.
- ii. Unsure which plants to plant
- iii. Possibly have a map that identifies what will pop up and when
- iv. Dave
 - 1. We have a master gardener, Heather Grey
- v. What is under it - is there a liner? Is there rain garden infrastructure?
 - 1. Dave thinks it is a circle of dirt
- vi. Early Spring, or early Fall are good times to plant

8. Electronics recycling this Saturday

- a. Discussed - no further action required

9. County sustainability

- a. Bill
 - i. Deciding on who is doing what?
 - ii. This is more the zero waste plan
 - iii. County hired a recycling coordinator
 - iv. Sue is retiring

10. Meeting schedule

- a. As we have made recent changes in both the time and day of our meetings, please tell me if this has caused any recurring conflict (which I think it may have for at least one EAC member).
 - i. Bill
 - 1. Thinks Cory has a conflict - unsure if it is a 3rd Tuesday or what
 - 2. Possibly a zoom option
 - 3. Next meeting is 3rd Tuesday, July 16th at 6:00 PM

11. Other business from the group

- a. Dan
 - i. Discussed the Website
 - ii. Dan Volunteered to create Minutes and Help with posting the Agenda 1 week ahead of meetings
 - 1. Dan to work with Bill on the Agenda