

2024-07-16 EAC Meeting Minutes

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84271259435?pwd=7K3S0agYalk1sfY3YRORAdNafpVppA.1>

Attendees:

Virtual: Bill Silverstein, Karen Shinkle, Krikor Panossian, Christopher Mano, Dave Grady, Dan Dehner, Shaina Barnes

Regrets: Cory Salmon, Michael Krauss, Jane Miluski

Identified Next Steps

Date Identified	Responsible Person	Description	Due Date	Date Completed
2024-07-16	Dave G	Post the Approved June Minutes Dan to support	By EOM	
2024-07-16	Bill S	Sign the petition to support for CCA for PA Working Group for municipality	NLT 2024-07-29	2024-07-29
2024-07-16	All EAC	Lighting Ordinance: Send comments to Karen and Dave	NLT 2024-07-26	
2024-07-16	Karen S Dave G	Lighting Ordinance: Submit to Commissioners for their August meeting	NLT 1 week ahead of Commissioners meeting	
2024-07-16	Shaina B	Recycling contract: Send research to Dave Grady	By next EAC meeting	
2024-07-16	Shaina B Jane M	Recycling stickers: Combined with the Recycling contract, Shaina and Jane to work on	By next EAC meeting	
2024-07-16	Dan D	Rain garden restoration: Dan to reach out to Parks commission Dave G will help with contact information	By next EAC meeting	
2024-07-16	Dan D	Loud Gardening Equipment: Report to EAC how HOA decides on request to ban	By next EAC meeting	

Agenda and Next Steps

1. Approval of 6/18/2024 minutes
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1) Bill is happy to have the minutes together
 - 1) Wants to post them earlier
 - 2) Dave to cut and paste
 - 3) Recommend to be posted on the Website
 - 4) Dan to send the clean formatted version to Dave
 - 2) Introductions:
 - 1) Bill, Krikor, Dan, Karen, Shaina, Christopher, Dave
 - ii. Next Steps:
 - 1) Dave to Post the Minutes - Dan to support

2. Discussion of meeting schedule (we still appear to have many conflicts) - Please email comments or reply at the meeting
 - a. Current time third Tuesday at 6 pm
 - b. Would 4th Tuesday be better?
 - c. Or another day
 - d. Would another time be better - 6:30, 7:00, 7:30?
 - 1) Discussion:
 - 1) e-mail a suggestion to Bill, Dave, and Dan if you want a change
 - i. Krikor has some work-travel restrictions
 - ii. Shaina would prefer 6:30 PM
 - i) Jane has a problem w/6:00 - need to find out if 6:30 works for her
 - 2) Next Steps:
 - 1) **Decision: move the monthly EAC meeting to 6:30 PM on Third Tuesday of the month**
3. Planning Commission referrals
 - a. Discussion:
 - 1) Bill and Cory are members of the planning commission
 - 1) Needs to have 1 EAC representative
 - 2) Reviewed by Township engineer, and shade tree commission
 - 3) The EAC does not have a significant role - lately however they ask EAC opinion
 - 2) Next Steps:
 - 1) No further actions at this time
 - b. 424 Wallingford Preliminary/Final
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1) Was zoned commercial and change to residential was recently approved
 - 2) The site plan submitted to the planning commission shows to cut down 3 large trees
 - 3) The plan will require the trees be replaced
 - ii. Next Steps:
 - 1) No further actions at this time
 - c. 37 Crum Creek Sketch Plan
 - i. The Question: Does the EAC have any recommendations?
 - ii. Discussion:
 - 1) Reviewed the plan
 - 2) Identified the steep slopes
 - 3) Concern over the rock-bed
 - 4) This plan is only a sketch plan, we need a final plan
 - 5) Nether Providence does not have a slopes ordinance
 - 6) Dave: Skeptical of the plan due to slope - emergency vehicles will have difficulty
 - a) There is a deed restriction limiting development to one home only
 - 7) Bill, the general impression is that the commission doesn't really like that
 - iii. Next Steps:
 - 1) No further actions at this time
 - d. 37 Crum Creek engineer review letter
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1) See above
4. Community Choice Aggregation - request from CCA for PA Working Group for municipality support (by 7/29 if NP is interested in supporting)
 - a. Discussion:
 - 1) Petitioning the public utility to allow boroughs/municipalities
 - 2) For anyone in their townships, anyone who has already selected an electric supplier, but if you have the default electric supply, and switch them to a supplier of the townships choosing.

- 1) The above means the township will become the biller
 - 3) Unsure whether this is an EAC action, or if this is a township commissioners
 - 4) Krikor: has solar and cannot choose a supplier and therefore cannot
 - 5) Bill is inclined to say yes
 - 1) This would mean we support other townships - not that our township will participate
 - 6) The next commissioners meeting is in August
 - 7) Dave: Sees no harm on the EAC offering support on behalf of the township
 - 8) Bill thinks the township will bill for the electric supply
 - 1) Unsure if the township will become the biller
 - 9) Bill asked for support
 - 1) The consensus is to support -
 - 2) Bill will review what is required to sign
 - 10) Dave, we are currently purchasing 100 % renewable energy
- b. Next Steps:
- 1) Bill to review and sign the petition to support

5. Old business

- a. Lighting ordinance
- 1) Discussion:
 - 1) Karen has been working on the lighting ordinance, which can be found through this link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XG9YIk-QtXwEhOrvGO6j9X4BP3X4rLbw/edit?pli=1>
 - 2) Karen explained and is looking for comments
 - i. To all EAC Members, send comments to Karen and Dave by the 26th
 - ii. Discussed training the code enforcement officer
 - iii. Is Code enforcement a nightmare: Sometimes it only takes a phone call
 - iv. The next commissioner's meeting is August 8th
 - i) Dave: If we feel it is ready for their review, we can submit it for the August meeting
 - 2) Next Steps:
 - 1) To all EAC Members, send comments to Karen and Dave by the 26th
 - 2) Karen and Dave - Submit to Commissioners for their August meeting
- b. Recycling contract
- i. Discussion:
 - 1) bill is unsure if a new representative has reached out
 - 2) Dave asked for a follow up but not yet received
 - ii. Next Steps:
 - 1) Shaina will send research to Bill
- c. Recycling stickers
- i. Discussion:
 - 1) Combined with the above
 - ii. Next Steps:
 - 1) Shaina and Jane to work on this
- d. Rain garden restoration
- i. Discussion:
 - 1) Sapovitz Park needs attention
 - i. We have a Parks commission
 - ii. We could have someone reach out to the Parks commissions - Dave will help w/ contact information
 - iii. If we did some planning, that could be something to plan in the Fall, or possibly a little bit
 - iv. Dave and Bill think we can proceed with planning - finance should not be an issue
 - ii. Next Steps:
 - 1) Dan to reach out to Parks commission
 - 2) Dave G will help with contact information

6. Other new business

a. Topic: Dan: Loud Gardening Equipment - In my neighborhood the neighbors are demanding that our Association "Ban" Gas powered blowers

i. Discussion - 5 reasons for battery powered lawn equipment:

- 1) A Battery-Powered Motor Produces Zero Emissions
- 2) Battery-Powered Tools Are More Efficient
- 3) Battery-Powered Tools can be recharged
- 4) Battery-Powered Tools have No Risk of Spilled Gasoline
- 5) Battery-Powered Tools Are More Reliable Than You Might Think

i. In Summary, my neighbor is identifying the following:

- i) A greener, healthier world requires each of us to do all we can to eliminate the pollution and practices that are warming the planet and changing our climate. So what are we waiting for?

ii. Bill: Swarthmore proposed a ban - unsure how far they got

- 1) In our group there was pushback
- 2) Need to hear about what occurs

iii. Next Steps:

- 1) Dan to report how HOA decides on request to ban

b. Topic: Christopher brought up 3 items of concern

i. Discussion:

1) Can we consider free energy audits

- i. Bill: Thinks PECO offers them for \$25
- ii. Unsure if the township would provide something free
- iii. Or should we research and find people - have them pay PECO the \$25
- iv. There are different ways to go

2) About harmful runoff capture systems

- i. More discussing fertilizers released into the environment
- ii. Bill: There has been interest to reduce mosquito spraying
 - i) We have a recurring issue that the School district does not participate in discussion - the biggest effect will be the school cafeteria
 - ii) Unsure how they are doing as far as a green standpoint
 - iii) As far as residents: what can be done with public education
 - iv) Unsure what control we have - it is probably more of a public education
 - v) What information is out there and how best to share that information

3) Grants for electric vehicle charging station

- i. Bill: There are various grants over time - they differ on who pays for what
 - i) Also, where to put them?
 - ii) If we put them, does that mean our next Township purchase would be an electric vehicle?
 - iii) Looking to see if it makes sense to put in in Smedley park if we can get a grant

4) Additional Discussion:

- i. Dave G, we have an MS4 program, and there are a number of things we need to maintain compliance, which also includes harmful runoff, which is included in our newsletter
 - i) If someone is a violator, people will get fined and identified in the MS4 report
 - ii) If there is interest in MS4, please contact Dave
- ii. Bill: The township has an obligation in this direction
 - i) Sometimes townships place pictures of a fish on a storm-drain
 - ii) Dave, currently there is no prior testing of a project - there is a sediment # which an engineer can further explain
 - iii) Christopher is interested in spearheading projects of this type
 - iv) Next Steps:
 - One. No further actions at this time

c. Topic: Shaina

i. Discussion: The turf concern (Artificial Turf)

1) Bill, is that already built, or is it still being discussed

i. Dave: it is 70% built

ii. Shaina: once you have it, how to keep it from effecting the area too badly

ii. Next Steps:

1) No further actions at this time

iii. Next Meeting:

1) Next meeting: 6:30 on the Third Tuesday, August 20th

2) We will get the Minutes out early