



ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 14, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

EAC members: Kevin Boyle, Erica Burman, Walt Cressler, Maggie Killcoyne, Dana Marks, Karen Taussig-Lux

Associate Members: Addie Ciannella, David Director, Jen Malkoun

Mark Paikoff, Borough Council Liaison

Present: Kevin Boyle, Erica Burman, Walt Cressler, Maggie Killcoyne, Dana Marks, Karen Taussig-Lux, Addie Ciannella, David Director, Mark Paikoff

Absent: Ron Joines, Jen Malkoun

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

- Approval of July Minutes - approved
- Welcome New Members: Kevin, Addie, Jen
- Chris Bannon attended the meeting and is interested in becoming an Associate Member. He will submit a cover letter and resume to Brittany Forman.
- Special Projects Coordinator: Tyler Lapham is taking over Karen's responsibilities at the Borough. He has environmental experience and will be attending the EAC each month.
- Working Group Assignments – new members will join the following groups as well as changes with existing members.
 - Land and Water- Kevin, Jen
 - Zero Waste – Jen, Karen, Addie
 - Transportation – Addie
 - Energy – David
 - Education – Kevin, Addie, Karen
 - Walt will send out revised assignments.
- Capital Budget Item Requests
 - Bee City – Linda Coulston reviewed a budget request for \$1,158 which primarily supports the efforts to educate the community about mosquito spraying and using the alternative mosquito dunks. She will attend the finance committee

- meeting to answer any questions. Timing has not been communicated yet.
 - Mosquito spray brochures – The group is exploring hangers for doors which are less expensive than a mailing. The initial estimate is \$10.50 for 20 hangers so approximately \$1,200 for 2,200 homes. The working group will finalize the budget request.
 - Sustainable Storefront – covered by the 902 grant.
 - Educational professional tabling – Karen will put together a budget with input from the working group and it will include EAC signage and a tent.
- Mosquito Spray Drift Update – see above about hangers for doors. We have not heard back from Jen O’Meara’s office. They are following up on our complaints through the PA Dept. of Agriculture.
- Bee City Update - Exploring an additional pollinator garden at the Borough through Mike Green and the Public Works Department.
- Bird Town Pennsylvania Update
 - Kelsey Stanton Murphy discussed the status of the designation.
 - No cost to obtain designation.
 - 90% through the application process.
 - Kelsey will present it at the 10/5 Borough Workshop Meeting and then at Borough Council on 10/19.
 - EAC supports a resolution denoting Media as a Bird Town.

III. ZERO WASTE

- The Borough’s 902 Grant Application for Recycling was approved. It will support the following initiatives:
 - Sustainable Storefronts - Business recycling incentive program for recycling but will also include other zero waste initiatives. There are 10 criteria, and the businesses only need to meet 3 of them.
 - Hire Alex Danovich as consultant for the Borough to negotiate separate contracts with the hauler and the recycler which could be used as a model for other municipalities.
 - Expand compost program including buying 300 more buckets, web design and a wrap for the compost truck with a banner.
 - Buy graphic signs for recycling and trash bins on State Street.
- 3-Year Plan
 - Sustainable Storefront Program
 - Expanding compost program to additional residents, HOA’s, apartments and businesses– moving to 1x/week trash pickup (2-3 year)
 - Styrofoam ordinance
 - Recycling Contract (1-2 year)
 - Zero Waste Events and MAC Events - 2024 event on ZW & recycled/reclaimed materials.
 - PFA’s research and education
 - Have businesses be accountable to trash in bins outside their place of business.

IV. TRANSPORTATION

- Bike Plan Revisit – James Tangorra, a Media resident, is looking for the EAC to get involved in rekindling the bike plan.
 - James did a tour of Media and compared it to the 2016 plan. The sharrow’s were not all put in and they are now old. They should be on bike lanes, not the road.
 - Karen recommended he review the 2021 Borough open space plan. He was on the committee and didn’t feel like it was enough but will read the plan and compare it to what he thinks is needed.
 - Bike racks are invisible in the Borough. This was also brought up as a concern by a resident at EcoFest to Addie.
 - Mark will reach out to see where the initiative fits in, with CDC, public safety or EAC and let Walt know.
- Electronic Vehicle Infrastructure Update
 - Joint grant application is available across multiple municipalities. Borough Council is supportive of our participation but in very preliminary stages.
 - Council is waiting for recommendations on where we think the stations should be installed.
 - The Transportation working group initially recommends 20 new chargers – Orange Street lot (4), Olive Street lot (4), Baltimore Ave parking garage (8 to 10) and Galey Street lot (2).
 - Tyler mentioned that 3 to 4 chargers is more reasonable. Middletown township is installing 5 stations at a cost of \$3M. Tyler has a meeting with Middletown next week to find out more.
 - He suggests we start with one location and 5 chargers in 2 to 3 years.
 - The chargers should be dual to maximize the number of cars that can use them.
 - Next steps – the working group will write up location recommendations and Tyler will talk to Brittany Forman.
 - Educational opportunities – Tyler is attending the PSB conference next week.

V. ENERGY

- 3-year plan – next month
- Community Choice Aggregation Update
 - Lansdowne, Swarthmore, and Narberth also approved the MOU.
 - Expect a detailed plan in 2024.
- Light Pollution Ordinance Update
 - David met with Brittany Forman, Jim Jeffery, and Mike Green. They recommended the group deconstruct the ordinance a bit – break out the different areas.
 - Reworking for the next Borough Council meeting.

VI. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

- EcoFest Report – great event with lots of interest from the Community.
- Promoting More Delco EACs – more of Delco to create EACs. Sierra Club, Southeastern PA chapter working to promote the creation of more.

- Larry Weiner, landscape designer, Media Community Center, September 17
- EAC Fall Gathering, West Chester University, October 21

The Next Meeting Will Be Held on October 12, 2023 – 7:00 PM