



ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 12, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Associate Members: Addie Ciannella, David Director, Jen Malkoun

Mark Paikoff, Borough Council Liaison; Tyler Lapham, Borough Liaison

Present: Kevin Boyle, Walt Cressler, Maggie Killcoyne, Dana Marks, Addie Ciannella, David Director, Mark Paikoff, Tyler Lapham

Absent: Erica Burman, Karen Taussig-Luz, Ron Joines, Jen Malkoun.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

- Approval of September Minutes - Approved
- EAC Vacancy – Ron Joines has resigned from being a voting member of the EAC. Chris Bannan wants to join the EAC as a voting member. EAC unanimously approved the appointment, and it will go to Borough Council in November.
- Discussed potentially limiting the number of Associate Members. If there is any additional interest will decide on a case-by-case basis for now. Emphasized that membership on Working Groups for those who would like to contribute to initiatives on an ad hoc basis is open and expansive and requires no administrative time from Borough employees to track.
- Budget Request Update
 - The meeting with the Finance Committee has not yet been scheduled.
 - Julie Smith will provide Walt with the cost for door hangers which will show the risks of mosquito spraying.
 - The educational supply budget will be covered in the EAC operating budget.

III. LAND & WATER

- Mosquito Spray Drift Update – Representative Jenn O’Meara’s office is still working on escalating complaints with the PA Department of Agriculture.

- Bird Town Pennsylvania Update – There have been a couple meetings including one with the head of Bird Town, followed up by the Bird Town working group finalizing aspects of the application and resolution. EAC is unanimously in favor of moving forward. It will be presented at the November Borough Council meeting.

IV. ZERO WASTE

- Earth Day Cleanup –
 - The EAC, partnering with TTGM and other groups, will lead the initiative that was previously headed by Keep Media Green.
 - Volunteers can come from outside the Borough and be expanded beyond the Borough.
- Updates – there are a few businesses that are not in compliance with the plastic bag and straw ordinance. We are reporting the violators to Lori Devlin.

V. TRANSPORTATION

- Bike Plan Revision –
 - James Tangorra is working with the transportation working group.
 - The team is reviewing best practices outlined by The League of American Bicyclists as well as reaching out to other townships who have a robust bike plan and meet again in two weeks.
 - Group will survey the community as well and then come up with recommendations that are reasonable and achievable.
- Electronic Vehicle Infrastructure Update
 - Tyler reviewed his findings from a meeting with Nick Valla of Middletown Township and attending the EV Delaware County conference.
 - Middletown Township provided the costs incurred installing 4 Level 3 chargers at their municipal building and recommended that we leverage municipal properties to reduce costs.
 - The EV conference covered funding opportunities including grants and tax credits.
 - There is also Free EV Technical Assistance for Municipalities. Tyler is following up on the application process and will bring it to the Borough Council for approval.

VI. ENERGY

- Community Choice Aggregation Update – no updates
- Light Pollution Ordinance Update –
 - David prepared a summary of the proposed Lighting Ordinance for future lighting development (not existing lighting) after meeting with Brittany and Jim.
 - Mark will mention the potential changes at the next Borough workshop meeting.
 - David will send the document to Brittany and Jim, and they will determine next steps.

- The Delaware County Institute of Science is hosting a talk by a University of Delaware professor on Monday 10/16 at 7:30 p.m. about the impact human lighting has on migratory birds.

VII. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

- EAC Fall Gathering, West Chester University, October 21st - Walt, David, and Dana will attend and carpool together.
- Delaware County EAC Contact List – Sierra Club is looking for information that will help encourage other municipalities in Delaware County to establish EACs. Walt sent them a link to our page of accomplishments on the Borough website. (It had been successfully used by a citizen of Middletown Township to encourage its commissioners to start an EAC there.)
- The League of Women Voters got a grant to develop a county sustainability website with links to EACs, nonprofits etc. There is a meeting on 10/23, David will attend and report back.

The Next Meeting Will Be Held on November 9, 2023 – 7:00 PM