

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
January 19, 2022 - 6:30pm

Present: EAC members Nicholas Kurtz, Toni Gorkin, Tawnya McCain, Kimberly Mariani; also present: Scott Greenly, Jim Warihay.

Virtual Attendees: Alexa Manning, Amber Neilson, and Jackie Pickering

Nick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Reorganization:

- Laura Obenski is now serving as a township Board of Supervisor, her seat has now been vacated.
- Tawnya motioned to nominate Nick as Chairman for the 2022 calendar year. Kimberly seconded the motion. All in-person members accepted motion.
- Nick motioned to nominate Toni as Vice-Chairman for the 2022 calendar year. Tawnya seconded the motion. All in-person members accepted motion.
- Nick motioned to nominate Tawnya as Secretary for the 2022 calendar year. Toni seconded the motion. All members accepted motion. In absence, due to work travel Kimberly or Nick will prepare meeting minutes.
- Meetings for 2022 Calendar Year will be held on 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm

Business:

Land Use:

- Nick has sent out plans for the EAC to review for Eagleview Town Center II. Comments are requested before the Planning Commission meeting on February 2nd.
- Once all comments are received, Nick will draft a letter to the Planning Commission from the EAC for review.

Ready for 100 /Township Energy Audit

- Alexa reviewed the municipal energy plan from last fall 2021. She requested to have the Energy Steering Subcommittee start back up and assist the township with moving forward.
- The subcommittee can work with the township to review the 2022 budget.
- It was requested for the township to resend the previous Energy Audit to the EAC members for review. Scott will resend this.
- Alexa has been attending 2 week sessions on energy conservation and will continue to provide updates to the group.
- The subcommittee will need to have a 3rd member assigned to work with Bruce
- Scott let the EAC know the township is looking to expand the EV Charging Station
- Bruce and the BOS are prioritizing additional alternatives. They will review energy efficiencies and how to use renewables.
- Township and BOS will review the budget and planning, and decide what to take in.

Heart of Uwchlan Project

- Toni provided an update on the project. The gardens are on hold for the season. There are 50-60 jugs of seeds ready for planting in the gardens in the spring.
- Over the winter season, Toni would like to explore what to do in the summer.
- Toni went to a workshop last Friday at Bondsville Park. They had a large turnout of residents that picked up pollinator jugs and a large volunteer group.

Parks & Rec / Historical Committees

- Nick will reach out to Historical Committee for review of Happy Days Farm
- Toni will attend the Parks & Rec meeting. She will review with them collaboration regarding nature trails, specifically south of Williamsburg Development.
- Expansion of Heart of Uwchlan project will be discussed into other areas for the township parks.

Happy Days Farm

- Amber Nelson (virtual attendee) will present at the next Parks & Rec meeting regarding the trails and plantings

New Business:

- Scott asked the EAC to prepare a budget. Toni has one started with Heart of Uwchlan information. She will send out to EAC for additional input.
- When budget is approved, EAC can drop off receipts to get reimbursed.
- Scott has posted 2 open postings for the EAC.

Old Business:

- Website updates will be sent to Scott from the EAC, collaboration of Kimberly and Toni.
- Alexa would like to revitalize the Single-Use Plastic Band Resolution and move into an ordinance. She will email information in regards to the passing of West Chester Borough and West Goshen Township.
- Alexa noted to reform the Single Use Plastics subcommittee.
- Kimberly will research ideas of how to involve the community and businesses.

Open to Public:

- Jim reviewed the walking trails and hazards of tree maintenance along Shamona Trail. Scott said they will need to discuss this with the Parks & Rec committee to review and possibly the county for review of the Strubble Trail section.
- Township has received funds from the flooding disaster. The township will be reviewing the trail when the weather breaks and start budgeting repairs for the trail

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Tawnya. Second by Toni. Nick adjourned meeting at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tawnya McCain
Secretary