

UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
April 15, 2021
Working Session Meeting

The working session meeting was called to order by Laura Obenski at 6:33 p.m.

Present: EAC members Laura Obenski, Toni Gorkin, Kathy Sotak, Nicholas Kurtz, Kimberly Mariani, Alexa Manning, Tawnya McCain; Scott Greenly from the township; public attendees included John Neilson and Jackie Pickering.

Business

1. 2021 Outreach Event Planning

There were 70 attendees on the Zoom presentation by Sharon Richardson on "Guess Who is Coming to Dinner." Two more events are fully planned.

A presentation on Stormwater Management is postponed. One on Ready for 100 will continue to be put together.

Alexa suggested that a story map of the kind presented at the recent EAC regional meeting by Madge Monser be considered to show certified gardens and green sites.

2. Earth Day Campaign -

A Trash Clean-Up will be scheduled now that Laura has PennDot confirmation on trash disposal. Laura will send a challenge from the EAC to other township committees to compete for a trash trophy created by a local Girl Scout troop. Each committee will organize itself, tally its bags, dispose of them at the Township building, and compare tallies.

Status on other ideas were discussed, but in general we will take advantage of other events in the area. Toni reported she would ensure milkweed seeds with Earth Day logo would be available in the township admin lobby.

3. Developer's Guide to Sustainable Practices

The EAC will be looking to earmark ordinances for updates based on the practices outlined in the guide. It was noted the guide does not include ordinances, but provides a window into available expert information, with educational components, to provide a way for dialogue. The Township is reviewing the Guide, and the plan for now is to have it available on the township webpage.

4. Eagleview Town Center II Land Development Discussion

Tawnya reported that Eagleview Towncenter II has finished conditional use review. The EAC received a letter indicating some changes to the conditional use plan and should respond with a comment letter. This recent proposal is different from the supposed Eagleview master plan. The Planning Board stipulated additional conditions which Hankin accepted. The new conditional use states several things: 20% reduction in parking spaces; all

residential buildings to LEED silver except 30 unit building to passive house 2018 standard, a higher standard than LEED. While this conditional use was submitted prior to the new pipeline setback ordinance, the planners moved the resident space out of the setback. Site improvements should include pervious, raingardens, etc. The Township is also asking them to document how they plan to meet Ready for 100.

The conditional use plan is not final, so it will come back for another round of comments and be reviewed again for final approval.

Tawnya and Nick commented that extending the construction for over a year would have more impact on stormwater and there would be need to keep BMPs up to par. If the developers are not proactive over the extended construction time, there is potential for more sediment washing into a watershed which drains to Shamona Creek, which is a "high quality" creek. They noted Upper Uwchlan has had problems with excessive sediment with a lot of construction. Tawnya noted the developer is planning subservice infiltration, porous pavement for the walkway and part of access road, and so will reduce pervious surface. Nick noted the pathways should be reviewed by the Parks & Rec Commission.

Reports: (workshop meeting - reports as necessary)

- Land Use (see above)
- RF100/Energy Planning
- Heart of Uwchlan - the Native Plant Resolution was adopted on Monday. More publicity on native plants might be good for June 6, Native Plant Day.
- Parks and Rec/Historical Commissions

Kathy Sotak mentioned the request she made to the Township on March 1, with 100 signatures, to consider a change to the chicken ordinance to optimize requirements for families to keep chickens as pets. The Township is reviewing her request, and it will come to the EAC. Kathy had submitted a white paper on how cities and townships allow chickens and how to modify an ordinance to remove the lot size requirement in favor of requiring distance from neighbors.

Toni and Alexa noted the recent Regional EAC meeting held last weekend. Toni presented on Heart of Uwchlan. There was a lot of beneficial sharing of information across EACs. They will share the link to WeConservePA, which is a new home for this regional collaboration and provides ways to share information on events and projects.

Announcements:

04/21 7:30p Zoning Hearing Board
05/5 7:30p Planning Commission
05/10 7:30p Board of Supervisors
05/13 7:30p Historical Commission
05/19 6:30p Environmental Advisory Council

Open to the public for comments and questions

The meeting was adjourned.