

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Monthly Meeting  
July 21, 2021 6:30pm

Present: EAC members Laura Obenski, Nicholas Kurtz, Kathy Sotak, Alexa Manning, Toni Gorkin; also Scott Greenly, Jim Warihay, John Neilson, Jackie Pickering

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

Business:

1. Ready for 100/Clean Energy Transition Plan Presentation & Update - Alexa Manning presented an overview of the 50-page plan using a PowerPoint presentation. She noted section 3.0, how to implement the plan, and 4.0, information for the transition to clean energy. The implementation plan is focused on Township municipal operations, with priority areas including benchmarking, utility bill audits, building efficiency profiles, audits, and retrofit planning, with a transition to an electric vehicle fleet. Paul Spiegel of Practical Energy Solutions has been hired as a consultant.

Section 5.0 outlines priority objectives for 100% clean energy by 2035. Section 6.0 outlines the task of adapting policies and regulations for planning, zoning, benchmarking, and adjusting building codes. Section 7.0 outlines community outreach and education, with regional advocacy on policies. Section 8.0 outlines actions. Work is being done on a detailed actions timetable with prioritized objectives.

Laura thanked Alexa for her extensive effort on the project to develop this plan. The document is almost finalized and will be made public, but Laura stressed it will be a working document, especially as outreach starts. Nick asked about how building permits might address solar infrastructure, with advocacy needed to reduce the time PECO requires to tie in.

2. Uwchlan Community Day Discussion (August 21, 2021): The EAC will have a table in the Community Tent. We have a box of handouts.
3. Other EAC Events: The seed sowing workshop will be repeated in the fall. A spring Plant Event is under consideration. Nick suggested an event in the Winter on the Energy Plan.

Reports:

- Land Use: Eagleview Town Center 2 project will go to preliminary final approval in September. Kathy noted the Township is preparing a draft of an updated chicken ordinance, which the EAC will be able to review.
- RF100/Energy Planning - see above

- Heart of Uwchlan - Toni reported there are many pollinating bees and butterflies in the gardens. Trees will be added to the Wetland Garden in September.
- Parks/Historical

Announcements:

8/04 7:30p Planning Commission  
8/09 7:30p Board of Supervisors  
8/12 7:30p Historical Commission  
8/18 6:30p Environmental Advisory Council

Open to the public for comments and questions

Upcoming education opportunities:

PennState Extension Backyard Stream Repair Series  
Tuesdays and Thursdays (2:00 PM - 3:15 PM ET)  
Sep. 7, 9, 14, 16, & 21, 2021

To register: <https://web.cvent.com/event/aa8d3221-c6ea-4e57-acd2-327df3eb9eaf/summary>

Nick asked about education related to the Acker Park stormwater basin retrofit, suggesting before and after photos.

Alexa noted that West Bradford has a pollinator field that would be interesting to visit.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Gorkin  
Secretary