

East Goshen Township
Sustainability Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 25, 2019
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – David Shuey
2. Pledge of Allegiance – David Shuey
3. Moment of Silence – David Shuey
4. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting – David Shuey
5. Approval of Minutes – February 25th, 2019 Meeting
6. Chairman’s Report - NA
7. Staff Reports - NA
8. Old Business -NA
9. New Business
 - a. Elect Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
Note - After the Chairperson has been elected the Chairperson will take over running the meeting.
 - b. West Chester COG Energy Transition Plan RFP and CADMUS proposal review
 - c. Discuss potential SAC initiatives
 1. Recycling/trash
 2. Water quality
 3. Single use plastic bags
 4. Energy usage reduction
 5. Current EGT sustainability efforts, communications
 6. Sustainability programming for children
 7. Promotion of local companies using greening principles
 8. LEED/Green Globe/Energy Star programs
 9. Use of reusable drink containers rather than paper/plastic in restaurants
10. Public Comment
11. Adjourn Meeting

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**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019
DRAFT MINUTES**

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Present: Jeff O'Donnell, Monica Close, Angela Matchica, Mary McCloskey, Christi Supple, David Shuey (Liaison, Township Supervisor); Michael Lynch (Township Supervisor); Township Manager Rick Smith; Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Lang, (Sierra Club - Jim Wylie, Henry Alexander and Paula Kline), Kipp Happ, Brian Sweet.

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Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

David called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Moment of Silence

David called for a moment of silence to honor our troops.

Recording

David asked if anyone was recording the meeting. No one was recording.

Approval of Minutes

None.

Reports

No reports given.

Old Business

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New Business

a. Introductions

David Shuey opened the meeting with general introductions. Each person present introduced themselves and briefly stated their profession and/or interest in the SAC.

b. Elect Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

David discussed various options for electing the Chair and Vice-Chair. It was quickly agreed that this would be tabled for a short number of meetings until the committee members had a chance to better know each other and who would be interested in the roles.

c. Select regular meeting scheduled

David then discussed setting a standing meeting schedule. Time options were 5pm or 7pm, with Jeff, Angela and Kipp stating 7pm would be the best option for them. The other members agreed to a 7pm meeting start time, scheduled on the fourth Monday of each month. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday,

1 March 25th at 7pm. The SAC also agreed that a second meeting on the 3rd Monday of
2 the month may be needed as a workshop, on an as needed basis.

3 d. Review Resolution 2018-79 Section 3, Duties and Responsibilities

4 David led a discussion of the duties and responsibilities of the SAC, stating that it
5 was to function as in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors, who would
6 ultimately decide whether SAC recommendations are approved. Jason Lang then
7 discussed the Township's recent Gold-level Sustainability Certification. This
8 certification touches on eleven areas of municipal governance and is a holistic look
9 at a municipality's sustainability efforts. The SAC will be reviewing the certification
10 to understand where the Township is currently successful and where we have gaps
11 in sustainable efforts.

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14 **Public Comment**

15 Mike Lynch provided a brief overview of the West Chester Area COG's efforts to
16 collectively be 100% renewable energy electricity by 2035 and 100% renewable for
17 all energy uses by 2050. The COG solicited RFP proposals for an Energy Transition
18 Plan (ETP). The COG has identified CADMUS' proposal as their choice, with a total
19 cost of \$75,000. Jim Wylie, (Sierra Club) discussed the CADMUS' proposal in detail,
20 including the scope of work, deliverables and schedule. This would be a regional
21 plan, with a number of municipalities sharing costs. East Goshen Township's portion
22 would be 18.21% or \$13,656, based on population. There is regional leadership
23 showing great interest in meeting these energy transfer goals. Angela asked Jim if
24 the plan was intended just for building energy use. Jim replied that was a portion,
25 but that the ETP would look at all municipal and community energy uses. Mary
26 asked about residential energy transfer to solar, which she has done, and how that
27 would play into this. Jim responded that the ETP would look at all options to reduce
28 residential non-renewable energy use and CADMUS would recommend the most
29 prudent for the West Chester area. Speaking to Mary's question, Henry said that in
30 West Goshen, they have 4 million square feet of flat roof that could utilize solar
31 panels that would provide 20% of the Township's energy needs. Brian Sweet (EGT
32 resident) said that he has gone to 100% renewable for his house and hopes that the
33 plan doesn't become over engineered, then taking longer to implement. Christi
34 Supple asked about geothermal for new construction, to which Jim replied it would
35 be discussed, and could be something to communicate to developers, understanding
36 the complete energy cost to a home. David Shuey then asked the SAC if they would
37 like to make a recommendation to the BOS to approve CADMUS' proposal. Rick
38 Smith stated that East Goshen Township has until the end of April to formally
39 respond, and that the SAC could review the RFP and CADMUS proposal and address
40 at its March 25th meeting. SAC members agreed this was the proper course of action
41 and tabled a decision.

42 David Shuey then asked if everyone could quickly state what they thought the SAC
43 should be focusing on. He wanted to look at recycling/trash and visit our trash
44 collection facility to fully understand impacts. Jeff stated that he is very concerned
45 with clean water, fertilizer run off, single use plastic bags and thought the SAC could
46 work to better inform residents about these issues. Angela responded that we

1 should first tackle energy reduction efforts first, longer term solution then would
2 have a greater impact. She added, in reference to the gold certification, that she had
3 no idea the EGT had done so many things, and that it should be better
4 communicated to the public in the form of a Case Study. Mary wanted to get kids
5 more involved in sustainability efforts, and wanted to work alongside the schools to
6 get them involved. Christi wanted to promote local companies that were making
7 significant green efforts. She also wanted to work with local restaurants to
8 encourage the use of reusable coffee/drink containers rather than paper/plastic.
9 She also discussed the concept of a swap page, where residents would be able to
10 freely donate/exchange useful household items rather than throwing them out. Kipp
11 was interested in LEED/Green Globe/Energy Star programs and thought the
12 Township should set the example and look to meet some of these criteria.

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14 The next regular meeting is Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

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17 **Adjournment**

18 The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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20 Respectfully submitted,

21 *Jason Lang, CPRE, MS*

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