

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019
FINAL MINUTES**

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.

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

NA

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,

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

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

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

Public Comment

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

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

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

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Lang, CPRE, MS

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