# East Goshen Township Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, July 22, 2019 7:00 PM

- 1. Call to Order Christi Supple
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance Christi Supple
- 3. Moment of Silence Christi Supple
- 4. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting Christi Supple
- 5. Chairman's Report
- 6. Approval of Minutes May 20, 2019 and Monday, June 24, 2019 Meetings
- 7. Staff Reports NA
- 8. Old Business
  - a. Discuss potential Township ordinances regarding single use plastic bag bans Mary & Gabrielle
  - b. Update on hauling services Tom
  - c. Discuss SAC a table at Community Day David
  - d. Update on electric car charging stations Angela & Jeff
  - e. Update on Subaru's partnership with TerraCycle Mike
- 9. New Business
  - a. Discussion of EV Initiative Jon
  - b. DVPRC update regarding feasibility of solar power at municipal facilities Jon
  - c. WCCOG Energy Transition Plan update Jon
- 10. Public Comment
- 11. Adjourn Meeting

# East Goshen Township Sustainability Advisory Committee 1580 Paoli Pike May 20, 2019

Present

David Shuey, Christi Marshall, Jeff O'Donnell, Tom Kilburn, Mike Lynch, Jason Lang

Members of Public in Attendance Ann DeNadai

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegience
Meeting was called to order by David Shuey at 7:03pm

Moment of Silence Led by David Shuey

Committee asked if meeting was being recording No recording

Approval of Minutes
Minutes were approved

#### Old Business

- A. Postponed choosing a Chairperson for the committee until all members are in attendance.
- B. David Shuey led a discussion of Township ordinances regarding single use plastic bag bans. West Chester Borough is in the process of banning both single use bags and plastic straws. Christi noted one area to look at would be restaurants and how they would be affected. Tom Kilburn noted that plastics are used in many useful applications, but a single use ban might be something worthwhile to explore.
- C. Tom Kilburn provided an update on hauling services, stating that Chester County sets up recycling programs, and Townships fall in under those programs. He noted that the 10% dirty rule is something we should communicate to the public. Jeff said we should make sure the communicate the "why" aspect of recycling.
- D. Christi will be ordering 500 hemp bags to be utilized at Community Day. SAC members expresses an interest in having a table at Community Day to discuss recycling, perhaps with some type of interactive game.
- E. The question was raised whether the Township newsletter was recyclable. Jason to investigate.
- F. Electric car charging stations were discussed. Jeff and Angela to take the lead and look at potentially suitable locations.

G. Mike Lynch discussed Subaru's partnership with TerraCycle, that recycles uncommon items like candy wrappers and single-use coffee capsules.

## **New Business**

A. Jason Lang discussed the Green Dads program. After reviewing the program, the committee decided not to move forward, as the costs as constructed would make it unappealing to most potential participants.

Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm

Submitted by Jason Lang

# East Goshen Township Sustainability Advisory Committee 1580 Paoli Pike June 24, 2019

### Present

David Shuey, Christi Supple, Jeff O'Donnell, Monica Close, Kipp Happ, Angela Matchica, Mary McCloskey, Mike Lynch, Jason Lang

Members of Public in Attendance Brian Sweet, Michelle Truitt

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting was called to order by David Shuey at 7:06pm

Moment of Silence Led by David Shuey

Committee asked if meeting was being recording No recording

Approval of Minutes
Minutes were approved

### **Old Business**

- A. Christi Supple was nominated as Chair, and Kipp Happ as Vice Chair. Mary McCloskey made a motion to accept their nominations, seconded by Monica Close. All other committee members voted in favor of the selections. Motion seconded and they assume their new roles henceforth for the remainder of 2019.
- B. David Shuey led a discussion of Township ordinances regarding single use plastic bag bans. Kipp Happ mentioned West Chester Borough is in the process of banning both single use bags and plastic straws. Township resident Michelle Truitt noted that each person unknowingly consumes one credit card worth of plastic each week. Mike Lynch discussed loop technology in which consumers use products, send containers back to the company to be reused in the same capacity. This is a vendor to door step service. Angela Matchica asked if we should first hold a town hall style meeting with the public and direct contact meetings with East Goshen Township businesses that would be affected by a plastic bag/straw ban. David Shuey agreed that the next step should be reaching out to area businesses, will ask township staff for a contact list.
- C. With regards to hauling, David Shuey noted that the State College area has an Authority set up exclusively for recycling. Resident Brian Sweet asked if goal is to reduce

- Township expenses or waste, David Shuey said both would be goals, and that a next step would be to meet with Township staff to review our hauling services contracts.
- D. Christi will be at Community Day with other area organizations, needs 2-3 tables. David Shuey will lead the recycling activity.
- E. Electric car charging stations were discussed. Jeff and Angela to take the lead and look at potentially suitable locations.
- F. Mike Lynch discussed Subaru's partnership with TerraCycle. He wrote them a letter, awaiting their response.

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