

**East Goshen Township
Sustainability Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Monday, April 26, 2021

7:00 PM

Dial in Number: (929) 205-6099

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1. Call to Order – Christi Supple
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Kipp Happ
3. Moment of Silence – Kipp Happ
4. Ask if anyone is recording this meeting – Christi Supple
5. Approval of minutes – February 22, 2021 & March 22, 2021
6. Chair’s Report
7. Staff Reports - Jason, update on Carnival of Ruin and our prep for their EGT performance
8. Old Business
 - a. Report on resident enthusiasm for recycle bins with lids
 - b. Update on Tree City approval process
 - c. Update on Trex recycle bins for plastic film
 - d. Update on seminars
 - e. Report on meeting with East Goshen Elementary
 - f. Update on Phillip Watson filming in his garden and blog posting format
 - g. Review of proposed surveys
9. New Business
 - a. Interested candidate for upcoming SAC vacancy
 - b. Update on joining challenge by several Townships and WC Borough to Harrisburg’s halt to single use plastic bag ban
 - c. Renewal of award program discussion for businesses and organizations with green initiatives
10. Public Comments
11. Correspondence
12. Adjourn Meeting

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Meeting Agenda, Minutes
Monday, February 22, 2021
7:00 PM
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1. Call to Order – Christi Supple 7:00pm
 - A. In attendance:
 - i. C. Supple, K. Happ, B. Hutchison, T. Kilburn, M. McCloskey, M. Kruger, K. Markus, M. Truitt (BOS Liaison), J. Lang (Staff Liaison),
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Kipp Happ
3. Moment of Silence – Kipp Happ
4. Ask if anyone is recording this meeting – Christi Supple
 - A. No one other than Township staff liaison is recording the meeting.
5. Approval of minutes –
 - A. January 25, 2021
 - i. Minutes reviewed, accepted with one change
 - A. T. Kilburn incorrectly listed as T. Killion
 - ii. Motion to approve
 - A. 1st – T. Kilburn
 - B. 2nd – K. Happ
 - C. All in favor; minutes approved noting one change to be made
6. Chair’s Report
 - A. The Energy COG has put together extensive list of dozens of potential, recognized materials and public education content. COG will approve content of the residential model before it can go live and SAC can then add to the township website via redirection to the Energy COG website. The residential plan will be reviewed by a panel and then presented on March 18 for approval. C. Supple asked B. Hutchison and K. Markus to identify what is most enticing to add to our website.
7. Staff Reports - Jason Lang Carnival of Ruin updates
 - A. J. Lang reported that the Carnival of Ruin is moving forward as planned. They are interested in exploring some of the SAC ideas, but want to wait until they get through gallery displays in late March before revisiting. Event in EGT Park, May 29, 11a & 3p shows, free tickets on eastgoshenrec.com

8. Old Business

- A. Review of motion to purchase recycle bins with lids – Tom
 - a. T. Kilburn proposed a motion to get a limited number of larger, lidded recycling bins and pilot a study of residential usage and interest. There is a grant program worth up to \$15 per reimbursement and \$1 per for education per resident. Some grant particulars included having weekly pickups and 65 gallon bins. The idea came up to put a sticker on the bin that says learn about SAC and promote that we are doing a pilot program. Can also put out on next door.
 - b. Motion – Recommend the Township purchase 110 (50/65) lidded refuse containers at no cost to residents to gauge interest in larger scale recycling program. Expense to come out of the refuge fund.
 - i. 1st – T. Kilburn
 - ii. 2nd – B. Hutchison
 - iii. All in favor, no opposed
 - iv. This recommendation will be added to the BOS 3/2 agenda.
- B. Update on Tree City approval process - Christi and Tom
 - a. Conservancy Board is interested to partner with SAC to investigate and the Gardener Laureate Philip Watson is interested in doing this as well. M. Truitt remarked that E. alexander from Tree Tenders is interested in EGT becoming a Tree City, currently working with WGT. T. Kilburn suggested SAC talk to WC Borough Sustainability Coordinator.
- C. Update on neighborhood recycle bins for plastic film - Mary K.
 - a. Mary K updated the SAC on plastic bags recycling. The same recycling bins are used for collecting plastic film; a full bin weighs 10 lbs. We would then take them to stores, Giant on WC Pike has three bins for plastic bags; maybe we could ask them if they could be our drop off point. Another potential drop off could be the local Rite Aid/CVS; maybe do a plastic bag drop off at the park by the dumpsters; maybe outside at wiggins in southern portion of township; maybe at the HS? More to follow.
- D. Update on seminars - March, April, May
 - a. Patti Lynn is scheduled for March 31st ; How do I get rid of hazardous waste. Willistown Conservancy will present the second week of April on reducing use of pesticides and fertilizers. Jason/Phillip to shoot a 10-minute video in his yard; K. Happ to work on fertilizers, K. Markus to help with the May seminar. J. Lang to send K. Markus the newsletter calendar.
- E. Update on meeting with Willistown Conservancy and EGT Conservancy
 - a. Meeting is tomorrow night (2/23), more to follow.
- F. Further review of SAC priorities for 2021 and beyond
 - a. K. Markus discussed the need to have a comprehensive marketing/public education calendar. C. Supple asked we wait until after the meeting with Willistown Conservancy to finalize 2021 SAC priorities.

9. New Business

- A. Discussion of Ready for 100 status
 - a. C. Supple discussed the Ready for 100 program. Many Townships have signed on, the SAC was established in lieu of EGT signing up for Ready 100. C.

Supple discussed that there are some advantages for the Township to sign on, including group purchasing options.

B. Discussion of plastic jug igloo project

- a. C. Supple showed pictures of plastic jug igloo projects. SAC remarked that it looks like an interesting reuse of plastic jugs. M. Kruger suggested we wait to do something like this until after the pandemic. To be revisited in the future.

10. Liaison Reports

- A. M. Truitt reported the BOS is still collecting applications for Finance Director and Township Manager positions. The Finance Director position filled soon, maybe as soon as April 1. The Township Manager search will take more time. Snow removal has been more expensive than anticipated this winter.

11. Correspondence

12. Adjourn Meeting

- A. 1st – B. Hutchison
- B. 2nd – T. Kilburn
- C. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:38p

East Goshen Township
Sustainability Advisory Committee
Monday, March 22, 2021
7:00 PM
Meeting, draft minutes

1. Call to Order – Christi Supple 7:03pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Kipp Happ
3. Moment of Silence – Kipp Happ
4. Ask if anyone is recording this meeting – Christi Supple
 - a. Present: C. Supple, K. Happ, B. Hutchison, M. McCloskey, M. Krueger, K. Markus, T. Kilburn, J. Lang (Staff Liaison), Shannon Barrett (general public)
5. Approval of minutes –
 - a. February 22, 2021
 - i. Tabled; to be reviewed at the May meeting.
6. Chair’s Report
 - a. C. Supple discussed the Monarch butterfly pledge. K Markus asked if it is imminent, or if we should all get a chance to review it before we make a recommendation. C. Supple discussed the American Waters environmental grant; Christi to send information to Jason tomorrow about a potential project. Discussion of the three potential grant options
7. Staff Reports – J. Lang and C. Supple to go to the Carnival of Ruin exhibit on campus next week. Volunteers needed for the performance and a few tickets still available.
8. Old Business
 - a. Update on purchase of recycle bins with lids – Tom
 - i. T. Kilburn Rick placed order for bins, 3-4 weeks until we can give them away; M. Krueger, B. Hutchison and T. Kilburn have a meeting set up to discuss the survey and packages we will want to pass out, 4pm; all 65 gallon bins; maybe we get a sticker that has what can be recycled, and

also a “recycling ambassadors” sticker; B. Hutchison stated that 1lb. per week per person, Township would save \$4300 in a given year.

- b. Update on Tree City approval process - Christi
 - i. Will discuss at a future meeting
- c. Update on Trex recycle bins for plastic film - Mary K., Mary M., & Bryan
 - i. Options on other side of Township for trex bin; Sabatino’s would be a great location; incentive to them, might increase their business. Another option could be Firestone tires but it would be a tougher sell. M. Krueger asked the Tredyferrin Township folks again about being outside. In park, looking outdoors might not work, lid might blow off and then the bag would fly and we would be causing pollution. Maybe we wait until September, maybe school and township building would be open, maybe Wawa? K. Happ thought maybe airport road YMCA would be a good option. K. Markus likes idea of weighting it down, but need overhang to protect from rain and wind; maybe use Velcro tape; fit a lot of stuff; start it later?
- d. Update on seminars - March, April, May - Christi & Kipp
 - i. March – D. Shuey will do the intro; who will need panel access; Mary K can be the host; 18 people signed up already; Patty to cover not buying too much, and also disposal
 - ii. April – pesticides, fertilizers; 4/10 chesco household hazardous waste; chesco anything with a plug event coming up; B. Hutchison helped with traffic control last year; Jason to get info to start ; Lauren Mcgraff from Willistown converservancy will be presenting.
 - iii. May - e-lawn mower equipment topic – K. Happ and B. Hutchison will do a power point and the presentation
 - 1. Digital managers needed for these; K. Markus can do 3/31; cannot do the 3/29 meeting then; B. Hutchison can do 4/12; Patty can upload her info. Get to K. Markus ideally the day before
- e. Refinement of SAC priorities for 2021 and beyond
 - i. C. Supple great conversation looking at priority list, specifically category A and combined the newsletter with social media. Now that vaccination schedule is increasing; composting/community garden could be of interest.

9. New Business

- a. Discussion of possible post-COVID projects for outdoors this summer
 - i. Christi to talk to Jason about events in the park for the remainder fo the year
- b. C. Supple discussed plastic bag ban passed by Philadelphia and West Chester Borough. Introduced joining challenge by several Townships and WC Borough

to Harrisburg's halt to single use plastic bag ban. Would fellow SAC members be interested in joining the challenge? Or write a motion to ask the BOS to ask for a ban when possible at the state level. B. Hutchison asked for clarification K. Markus is in favor of a plastic ban bag; but make sure residents and businesses are part of the voice/decision. B. Hutchison stated we need to educate people about pros/cons. K Markus asked what are the data points that make why we are supporting this position; and we should create a survey and have a public meeting/hearing. K. Happ agrees with K. Markus, don't want to be in a bubble, get info from businesses and residents. M. McCloskey would be nervous to put a mandatory ban wording out there. B. Hutchison would be in favor of legislative ban and education will be key. M. Krueger said she would like to talk to another Township to see how it was implemented , not sure if we are ready to go to the ban. C. Supple said maybe we can do a webinar about single use bag uses etc. reuse and reimagine. T. Kilburn suggested we need to look at business, and other communities first.

10. Public Comments

- a. Shannon (last name unknown) – discussed the monarch butterfly program and grant money; a rain garden could be an option. Pics from the 90s are on the signage in Applebrook Park, maybe signs need updating. Liked idea of doing trek bins, but an important thing would be changing the behavior beforehand, cashier, improperly recycling costs money. Don't like Styrofoam packaging, dining options on campus are actually working on that right now. Discussed future events for the massive cicada emerging like them, cicada viewing event (May) sometime.

11. Additional Comments

- a. C. Supple and B. Hutchison are on steering committee for COG energy plan, residential module coming out pretty soon; was approved last week. Maybe we send out social media posts on a daily basis. K. Markus gone onto a little bit of getting in a cadence of work for seminars and social media postings, we need to set due dates

for the material. Stated her term might be up in June 2021, so I think we should plan for a future member, passing the baton. K. Markus recommended getting an intern.

12. Correspondence

13. Adjourn Meeting

- a. 1st – B. Hutchison
- b. 2nd – K. Markus
- c. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.