

East Goshen Township
Sustainability Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda, Minutes
Monday, February 22, 2021
7:00 PM
Dial in Number: (929) 205-6099
Access code: 886 4256 1030 # #

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