

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 Tredyferin 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.