

**East Goshen Township**  
**Sustainability Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
Monday, May 24, 2021  
7:00 PM  
Dial in Number: (929) 205-6099  
Access code: 886 4256 1030 # #

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 – April 26, 2021
6. Chair’s Report
7. Staff Reports - Jason, update on Carnival of Ruin performances for EGT
8. Old Business
  - a. Update on Tree City approval process - collaboration with Conservation Committee
  - b. Update on Trex recycle bins for plastic film - placement in park with exterior sides and lid?
  - c. Update on seminars
  - d. Final review of surveys
  - e. Review of Sustainable Storefronts concept - discussion with WC SAC
  - f. Awards and promotion recommendations for Sustainable Storefronts
  - g. Report on Crayon Initiative
9. New Business
  - a. Recommendation for Board regarding placement of beehives
    - 5/19/21 Parks and Recreation Memo attached.
  - b. Energy Expo hosted by EGT - one each for residents and businesses
  - c. Consider in person or Zoom meetings for June, July & August.
10. Public Comments
11. Correspondence
12. Adjourn Meeting

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  - a. Present: C. Supple, K. Happ, M. Krueger, M. McCloskey, K. Markus, T. Kilburn,  
M. Truitt (Supervisor) J. Lang (Staff Liaison)
  - b. Not present – B. Hutchison
5. Approval of minutes – February 22, 2021 & March 22, 2021
  - a. Feb 22, 2021 minutes –
    1. 1<sup>st</sup> Mary M
    2. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kelly
    3. All in favor, minutes approved as presented
  - b. March 22, 2021 minutes –
    1. Mary M
    2. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kelly M
    3. All in favor, minutes approved as presented
6. Chair’s Report
  - a. C. Supple reported that she, K. Markus and B. Hutchison participated in Keep Egt  
Beautiful Day, in front of EGE and hillside that leads up to Wawa; lots of garbage,

some type of fencing; discarded masks, plastic straws etc., K. Markus remarked there was a lot of garbage; picked up as much this year as last; maybe we put a sign up for garbage; M. Truitt participated too, stating that they picked up 6 masks was on line road and throughout the Township, a total of 65 bags of garbage was collected.

## 7. Staff Reports

- a. J. Lang update the SAC on Carnival of Ruin and our prep for their EGT performance held in the park this coming May 29. K. Markus will be in attendance and can man a table for SAC.

## 8. Old Business

- a. Report on resident enthusiasm for recycle bins with lids
  - a. M. Krueger and T. Kilburn discussed how quickly the recycling cans went. T. Kilburn put together an action plan; maybe we should survey the folks that got them and survey to see how many people need them over what they had. M. Truitt said it is too big for her household and recommends asking if they find this to be too big or do we go to a 55 gallon vs. the pilot 65 gallon, have the give out during the evening or a weekend. We can do #1-7 plastics which includes plastic bags, and we need to confirm if that is the case. Maybe Trex can be the in between until everyone starts putting in plastic bags. M. Krueger thinks education is the easiest thing to do, to get residents to put out their own plastic bags. Political signs have to be picked up within 7 days and are owned by that political group.
- b. Update on Tree City approval process
  - a. C. Supple may have missed window for approval process, but will double check. Did not agree with conservancy to create the tree board in time. Should be a 7 person committee, few members from each Conservancy/SAC, Gardener laureate etc.
- c. Update on Trex recycle bins for plastic film
  - a. M. Krueger discussed topic, doesn't know if any businesses would want to put one in their front area; public education is the best option at this point.
- d. Update on seminars
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> stage to reduce size of green lawn, using less pesticides, referencing native plants; Willistown Trust Conservancy is working on it.
- e. Report on meeting with East Goshen Elementary
  - a. C. Supple discussed meeting with D. Brown (Principal), and forming partnership to do the mixed media project; will be filming the kid's reading the poem.

- f. Update on Phillip Watson filming in his garden and blog posting format
  - a. C. Supple/J. Lang shot in his garden; blog once per month and quarterly larger videos; Phillip could host a fundraiser to support a township project; we can host native planting seminars and Phillip will do a seminar about non-natives/garden design
- g. Review of proposed surveys
  - a. K. Happ/B. Hutchison have been working on a lawn care seminar, but slow going because we do not have a vendor inside the Township to help with the seminar.
  - b. We had 9 seminars total, circle back to the model; new model is great with Q & A, 5 after the hour, can do a musical interlude, then let everyone in to the room, K. Markus followed the model: admin, moderator, panelist, intro host, Q & A varies from session to session. Then the host appears on screen, then moderator welcomes people, who then intro's the panelist. Then the panel with a slide presentation, and preplan how everyone will interact, then content, then Q & A, then host will close meeting and thank for coming. K. Markus remarked that we should take a second to make sure that we are staying in tune with. In person seminars may not catapult us.
  - c. Review of single use plastic bag ban survey. K. Markus put together, C. Supple survey to businesses, charge fee or customer brings own, or carrot approach start an awards program to acknowledge businesses that are doing some greening principles. M. Kreuger remarked that Tredyffrin Township is pulling other Townships together, 5 municipalities pulled together and learning about banning plastic bans. K. Markus said we should survey the public about their feelings about various options.
    - i. Residential survey – please insert data points; B. Hutchison had stats about 1 extra pound; maybe one more 65 bags of garbage from the side of the road;
    - ii. 1<sup>st</sup> T. Kilburn – motion to go as residential written with additional data points as noted above
    - iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kelly
    - iv. All in favor; motion carries

## 9. New Business

- a. Interested candidate for upcoming SAC vacancy
  - a. K. Markus will be leaving the SAC soon creating a vacancy. She has done a wonderful job and all SAC members thank her for her efforts.
- b. Update on joining challenge by several Townships and WC Borough to Harrisburg's halt to single use plastic bag ban
  - a. M. Truitt commented that the Business Park Task Force is working to support EGT businesses and prefers the SAC holds off on this for the time being until

the Task Force can get their current communications off the ground. Also for  
toter survey, Board of Supervisors should be made aware.

- c. Renewal of award program discussion for businesses and organizations with green initiatives
  - a. Tabled to a future meeting.

#### 10. Public Comments

#### 11. Correspondence

#### 12. Adjourn Meeting

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> – tom
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> – K. Markus
- c. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

# Memo

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To: Sustainability Advisory Committee  
From: Department of Parks and Recreation  
Re: Apiary Partnership  
Date: May 19, 2021

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## Overview:

Bees are an extremely important part of our natural world. In fact, bees touch over 60% of all the food we eat. With their natural habitats under constant tension, it is important to provide habitat for pollinating insects where possible.

## Introduction:

Bellingham Senior Living (E. Boot Road) approached J. Lang about the possibility of beginning a bee education program for its residents, and was interested in the beehive placement being in the public open space directly across from their grounds, adjacent to the secondary parking lot at the Blacksmith Shop. They were interested in forming a partnership with the hopes of a third beekeeper making this a true possibility. J. Lang spoke with Carmen Battavio, former Supervisor and beekeeper, about the possible partnership. The three entities had a meeting on May 12 to discuss further.

## Proposal:

Bellingham is interested in sponsoring four hives to be placed as noted on the attached picture. This location was chosen for a few reasons:

1. Ease of access for beekeeper and Bellingham activity participants.
2. Open space at Blacksmith Shop has protected native grasses/plantings that support aviaries.
3. Removed from general public access (EGT Park)
  - a. Note – beehives will be placed the recommended 20-30' off the trail.

## Formal relationship:

1. Carmen B's Honey will retain ownership/liability for the beehives via financial sponsorship through Bellingham.
2. Bellingham residents will enjoy viewings/activities as scheduled with Carmen Battavio.
3. The Township has the opportunity to offer viewings/activities for residents and potentially East Goshen Elementary students.
4. The Township and Carmen B's Honey will sign a hold harmless agreement similar to the current Carmen B's/WEGO Police partnership. Created by the Township's Solicitor.
5. Maintenance – the Township Public Works Dept. will erect safety signage around the beehives; Carmen Battavio will perform all continuing maintenance.

Motion: I recommend placing beehives in the open space across from Bellingham with the above partner relationship noted.

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