

East Goshen Township Sustainability Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda for Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order - Christi Supple 7:00p
 - a. Present: C. Supple, K. Happ, M. McCloskey, M. Krueger, B. Hutchison, J. Lang, M. Truitt
 - b. Not Present: T. Kilburn
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 is recording the meeting.
5. Approval of minutes - July and August, 2021
 - a. Motion to approve July minutes
 - 1st – K. Happ
 - 2nd – M. McCloskeyAll in favor, July minutes approved with noted amendments
 - b. Motion to approve August minutes
 - 1st – B. Hutchison
 - 2nd – K. HappAll in favor, August minutes approved
6. Chairman's Report
 - a. C. Supple reported that we are in a holding pattern for an October Zoom with Willistown Conservancy. G. Stolz (Park Ranger and Township resident) is a great contact and is willing to do nature walks with East Goshen Township. Could be one daytime and one nighttime walk. K. Happ suggested we could do one of the walks at Okeocking Nature Preserve. C. Supple will work with J. Lang to schedule and promote through Parks and Recreation. Discussion about potential Philip Watson (Gardener Laureate) fundraiser for a rain garden in Applebrook Park. Could be include a small water feature, feature native, pollinator plants and collect excess stormwater runoff. K. Happ noted that a water feature would need dedicated power, adding a solar panel could be a neat educational addition to the project. M. McCloskey asked about the fundraising piece. J. Lang answered that the fundraising could go through the Friends of East Goshen 501c3, who would pay the Township back for incurred costs. He added that this project could take some time through the winter, the Park Commission, FOEG and the BOS would need to sign off on it. As an example, the Pat King Pollinator Garden in the park (WCGC partner) cost \$6,000, half from a grant and the other half from WCGC via a Pat King donation. C. Supple is interested in doing something for the kids at Pumpkin FEST, maybe a pine cone bird feeder that could be placed in the park or go home. J. Lang likes the idea but

suggested using a non-allergy binder like sunflower butter instead of the traditional peanut butter.

7. Staff Reports

a. M. Truitt reported on behalf of the BOS. The BOS voted not to approve the lidded can grant application and the 15 year PPA agreement. She remarked that the PPA agreement is not allowed under 2nd class Township code per PSATS. BOS attended numerous Township events including Comm. Day, the bee hive and C. Battavio's dedication and the Art Walk/J. Emanuel dedications. Approval for an EV charging station at the Giant on Boot Road is before Chester County Planning Commission currently after which will come back to the BOS for final approval. The BOS is conducting a series of budget workshops and encourages the public to attend, October's meeting dates to be posted soon.

8. Old Business:

- A. Next steps re Trex recycle bins for plastic bags and film - Mary K.
 - a. M. Krueger reported that residents have filled 71 bins so far which equates to over 700 pounds of collected plastic bags. Collection will end on October 28. SAC will put together a list of alternative locations so residents can continue to recycle and market during October.
- B. Update on seminars and additional in person program
- C. Review of lidded bins project
 - a. C. Supple reported that the BOS did not approve the lidded toter grant application and local match. Possibility that the needed match could be added to 2022 or 2023 budget and the Township could then apply. SAC had idea that maybe in the spring, the Township could ask interested residents to pay the approximate \$10 to offset the local match in full. B. Hutchison questioned if something like that was logistically possible/allowed or put unneeded time constraints on staff. J. Lang suggested the SAC email him any feedback and he could discuss with staff/BOS.
- D. Discussion of Survey and next steps
 - a. K. Happ led a discussion of the recently ended single use plastic bag survey. Had 401 respondents which is a great figure. Had some limitations from the google doc survey formatting, but he is working through the data and will send out when ready. B. Hutchison will help K. Happ with data synthesis.
- E. Bags for residents - Mary M.
 - a. M. McCloskey reported that she is having difficulty finding a vendor who can meet our budget. We had 189 people add their email and enter the bag raffle. May need to cut anticipated quantity to ensure we can put the EGT/SAC logos directly on the bag, which is important. K. Happ mentioned it would be great if the bags could be made from recycled materials. She is going to try a few more local companies.
- F. Energy Expo project – Kipp

- a. K. Happ reported about the planned 2022 expo, to be called the Sustainability Expo. It should be in March/April and will utilize the entire Township bldg upstairs, so will need to coordinate.

G. October festival at Park

- a. See earlier discussion under Chair Report

9. New Business:

A. Discuss fund raiser by Phillip Watson for new installation at Park

- a. See earlier discussion under Chair Report

B. C. Supple discussed the Energy Proclamation Day which is October 6, 2022. K. Happ noted that we cannot replace the current code, but can only supplement and be more stringent. M. Truitt noted the recent Township updates to the Township code that allows for more families to have solar panels. K. Happ mentioned some future suggestions could be increasing the "R" insulation rating or decreasing wattage per square feet, given LED lighting decreased energy usage.

i. Motion to recommend Energy Proclamation Day to the BOS

1. 1st -K. Happ
2. 2nd – M. Krueger
3. All in favor, motion carries.

10. Public Comments

No public comment

11. Correspondence

No correspondence

12. Adjourn Meeting

1st -M. McKloskey

2nd – M. Krueger

All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:39pm