

East Goshen Township
Sustainability Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda
Monday, January 24, 2022
7:00 PM

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. Election of officers
5. Approval of minutes - November and December, 2021
6. Chairman's Report - prepared by 2021 Chair, to include proposal for Ready for 100 and exploration of incubator for start-up green technology and service companies
7. Staff Reports
8. Old Business:
 - A. Trex bin project: update on bench work available in house through Mark Miller
 - B. Update on delivery of bags to resident homes - Mary M. and Jason
 - C. Update on media postings for SAC - subcommittee
 - D. Update on Installation project on passive side of Park - Alice and Christi
 - E. Preparations for contacting businesses with survey results and info on green awards for East Goshen Sustainable Businesses
- New Business: Report on first 2 meetings of Sustainability Expo subcommittee - Bryan and Kipp
10. Public Comments
11. Correspondence
12. Adjourn Meeting

East Goshen Township
Sustainability Advisory Committee
Draft Minutes
East Goshen Township Building
Monday, November 29, 2021
Rescheduled from November 22, 2021
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order - Christi Supple 7:02pm
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 – November 1, 2021
 - a. October (Nov 1 meeting) minutes approved with noted typos fixed
6. Chairman's Report - Further review of SAC list of priorities to determine immediate next steps and prep for long range projects.
 - a. C. Supple led a discussion of SAC priorities for 2022 and beyond.
 1. Tier 1, survey to determine less packages; newsletter content, recommendation for waste management, PECO energy audits for private/businesses, media branding
 2. Tier 2; community composting; let residents know what they can/can't do with their HOA, K. Happ noted that in Youtube, you can set markers so viewers can jump to specific topics. Awards for best practices in conjunction with furtherance of EGT storefronts concept; reduction or elimination of single use bags; SAC does not want to recommend a ban; return to chemical free lawn practices; adding some tips and tricks to the township website under SAC
 3. Tier 3; education for WCASD kids; EV charging stations;
 4. There are 25 items in five tiers. SAC will review again at its Dec. meeting.
7. Staff Reports
 - a. M. Truitt reported on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. Will be looking at ABCs and seeing how they can best work together and streamline processes. 2022 Township budget to be approved at the Dec 21 meeting. Ordinance was approved for the Giant (Boot Rd) parking lot, it will be 1 or 2 EV charging stations.
8. Old Business:
 - A. Trex bin project: update on bench delivery and possible location - Mary K. and Jason

- a. M. Kruger reported that we had 521 bag pound donations. Next step is ordering bench, M. Kruger to take lead. M. Miller and J. Lang will identify a location for placement. M. Truitt said we should put a small placard on it noting the project.
- B. Update on lidded bins project for 2022 – Tom
 - a. T. Kilburn reported once that once the state grant opens back up, the Township could solicit resident interest to offset the Township's match. Essentially, they'd get a \$50 bin for \$5 for example. J. Lang noted that he spoke with state officials, they anticipate another grant round in 2022 which would become a 2023 project. Christi said folks are still interested, can we give guidance for residents who purchase their own recommend a wheeled bin that is 65 or 40 gallon bin. T. Kilburn remarked that he thinks the 10% should come from the refuse fund. M. Truitt noted that the refuse fund is drawn on because we haven't collected enough of a fund in recent years.
- C. Discussion of Survey results – Tom
 - a. T. Kilburn discussed the survey results noting that Bryan put together the results and did a great job compiling the data. B. Hutchison discussed the spread sheet and hopes it has enough information to make a proposal to the BOS regarding steps forward. 61% of those surveyed wanted retailers to eliminate plastic bags; maybe the businesses could move in that direction. T. Kilburn discussed a "carrot on end of stick" approach. Provide survey results to residents and businesses may try and deliver what their customers want. M. Truitt asked if this is when SAC would roll out the sustainable front program. M. Truitt also presented the idea of having 5th graders from EGE getting involved in a store front project.
- D. Update on delivery of bags for residents - Mary M.
 - a. M. McCloskey said the bags will ship NLT Dec 8 so we'll have them before Christmas. We can do the raffle to give out the bags, J. Lang to coordinate the raffle and solicit physical addresses for delivery.
- E. Update on media postings for SAC - Mary K, Mary M., Christi
- F. Composting - Kipp and Bryan report on WC project with WasteWell
 - a. K. Happ discussed composting via Wastewell, introduced at a prior WC COG meeting. West Chester Borough is doing this program. Resident participants can fill a 5 gallon bucket that gets picked up weekly. At the end of the year WasteWell delivers compost to each participant. M. Krueger said if the Township got 25-30 interested residents maybe WasteWell would do a pickup for us. M. Truitt asked if this program could be discussed at the spring Sustainability Expo.

G. Installation project on passive side of Park – Christi

- a. Public Works is picking up and removing briars from the Applebrook park area by the bridge. The conduit and light tower is on Township property. Public works might be removing the briar this winter, priority work notwithstanding.

9. New Business:

A. Broad look at plan for postings under SAC tab on EGT website - educational opportunities

- a. C. Supple asked for ideas for adding content to the Township's SAC tab. Working on a social media calendar, will provide to J. Lang when ready.

10. Public Comments

11. Correspondence

12. Adjourn Meeting

- a. B. Hutchison – 1st
- b. Mary McCloskey – 2nd
- c. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:32p

East Goshen Township
Sustainability Advisory Committee
December 27, 2022 Meeting
Draft Minutes

The SAC meeting was called to order at 7:03pm. Members present: Christi, Bryan, Mary Krueger, Mary McCloskey, and Michele T, Board contact.

Bryan lead the pledge & a moment of silence for all who have passed from Covid in the past 18 months.

Minutes from the last meeting will be approved at the January meeting, along with the Dec. minutes.

Christi discussed delivery of bags, and the fact that Jason is still waiting for nearly half of the addresses of those who won the drawing of names. Mary K delivered all 9 of her bags by bike! Christi said that we need an updated list of addresses, grouped by community for ease of assigning delivery people for the remaining bags. Christi and Brian each took bags, and Michele will pick up bags when she is at the township building this week.

Mary K reported that the TREX bench will be in soon, & looks great! It is 48" long with side arms, & looks more like something you would have in your yard or porch. There was discussion about where it might be placed, & if we could get a small metal plaque placed on it. There is no decision yet about what the plaque should say. Michele will find out if this is something that can be done in house with Mark Miller's team, or if the SAC will have to go to a local sign maker to have it engraved.

Christi next led a discussion about preparing for business interviews. She forwarded a revision based on recommendations from committee members of her original list of talking points. She asked Kipp & Bryan to look at the pie charts and stats they created based on survey responses, and merge them into something we can use with the talking points during interviews.

Christi shared a list of potential questions to help determine current compliance with sustainable practices. We can answer some of these ourselves by visiting stores in advance of our interviews. This way we will have a head start on knowing what businesses are already doing from a sustainable perspective.

Christi is preparing a revised checklist for business owners to use. They will help us develop this checklist in collaboration with our committee. There will be reassurance that there will NOT be a plastic ban, rather the SAC will continue to educate & encourage residents to bring their own reusable bags & even containers for pick up orders. Christi will provide samples of more sustainable items that business owners could consider using.

Mary K suggested that SAC members start the conversation first by asking if the business has already started switching to any sustainable products before delving into the checklist. Christi reiterated that interviewers should start the interview with a positive approach, thanking them for their time, telling them the reason for the meeting, & thanking them for doing what they have already started doing to cut back on single use plastics.

Bryan & Alice connected with two local composting company owners, Gwen with Mother Compost, & Colleen with Back to Earth. Both do a few pick ups in Malvern & even a few in EGT. They were asked if EGT residents could join in. Colleen would be the contact, & invited "us" (EGT residents) to join them on the first & third Saturday of every month at the Malvern Farmers Market where residents can drop off up to 5 gallons of compostables for \$5. Many items are on their list to compost that normally are not suggested to go in your home compost pile.

The Sustainable Expo date of April 24th was approved by the Board of Supervisors at their Dec. 21st meeting. The subcommittee to help plan this expo will meet on January 10th at 7 pm.

Michele informed the SAC that while she has enjoyed her time with the SAC, it would appear David will be their liaison for next year. She also mentioned that the restructuring of the ABCs has not been completely worked out, but staff & the Board are working out details for smooth transitions for all of our valued volunteers. She assured that no one would be displaced, but reorganization would be needed.

Every member of the committee thanked Michele for her service as our board contact during the past year. Her support, enthusiasm and many fine suggestions have been much appreciated!

Another point was made regarding changes in 2022 for ABCs - each group must look carefully at their meeting schedule in the beginning of the year, because the cost to reschedule meetings is about \$60. If each ABC rescheduled only one meeting a year, the cost is close to \$1000. Michele said that no rescheduled meetings will be considered, but meetings may be cancelled because there is no fee for that.

Christi asked if there would be consideration for hybrid meetings due to the high incidence of Covid recently. This is not something that EGT has control over, but if the state legislature were to pass a law to allow for hybrid meetings, the township is getting the technology upgrades in the Board Room that would allow for that moving forward.

Michele also brought a recycling suggestion to the SAC for them to consider & see if they can implement it in 2022, namely metal recycling. She asked the SAC to look into this & carry the suggestion forward. There is a potential for tremendous cost savings if metals were to be removed from our general waste or bulk pick up.

This led to a discussion about glass. Mary M. will start looking into ways to either improve our glass recycling, or find industry or artists who would like to take glass to upcycle into other

products or artwork. Mary will work with Sue Smith on seeing what the township has found out about glass in the past.

Christi pointed out that many vehicles & construction equipment are going green, either as hybrid or all electric. She would like to see Mark Miller looking at ways to bring in more green equipment, whether purchased or rented.

Bryan made a motion to adjourn at 8:12, seconded by Mary M. Next meeting is January 24th.