

EGT Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Council  
Meeting Agenda  
Monday, Dec. 19, 2022  
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – CM
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Kipp
3. Moment of Silence – Kipp
4. Is anyone recording meeting? - Kipp
  
5. Chair's Report: CM - review of 2022 achievements
6. Approval of minutes for Oct and Nov.. 2022
7. Board Contact Report: David
8. Staff Report: Jason
9. Treasurer Report: Bryan - gift certificates, etc.
10. Committee Reports: Media
11. Contact Report: WCACEF - Bryan
  
12. Old Business:
  - A. Single use plastics - CM
  - B. 2023 Expo - Alice
  
13. New Business
  - A. Resumption of zoom seminars - Mary M.
  - B. Outreach to apartment dwellers in EGT - Mary K.
  
14. Public Comments:
  
15. Adjourn Meeting: Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ and Second by \_\_\_\_\_

## ESAC Minutes for Oct., 2022

Christi led a review final review of the 2023 budget submission request, and a wrap up of the 2022 budget. She reported that we had a successful pumpkin festival, and will ask Jason if some of the supplies for Township events going forward can be provided from the parks department budget, such as pumpkins, etc.

She reported that East Goshen Township hosted the twice yearly seminar for EAC's and SAC's who belong to the six member COG. She shared some recommendations that were offered during the seminar. One is that we consider trash pick up only once a week instead of twice in order to cut down on truck emissions and traffic, as well as savings on truck maintenance and labor costs. This would not cut the refuse budget in half, since there might still be as much trash to pick up and therefore some additional truck routes would be needed. However, townships that have initiated this practice have reported considerable savings. Christi will secure specific data to be presented at a future meeting.

Christi asked for approval of the minutes for September, 2022. Bryan provided edits for item 9 – E, the solar tour. Motion was made by Bryan and seconded by Christi to approve the minutes with this revision. Motion unanimously approved.

David Shuey gave a board contact report. Bryan offered to send a draft suggestion for the two electronic bulletin boards to Christi. Once finalized, these can be sent to Jason to advertise the [wcacef.org](http://wcacef.org) website on the boards. Brian asked what the status of the approved draft letter to residents that have had new roofs installed within the last five years was. He will forward this to Derek with a copy to David, Christi and Jason.

Jason provided a staff report by email before the meeting. He let us know that the pumpkin festival was great! About 4000 people attended, and kids loved our ESAC activities. The bike rack we requested has come in, and public works will install it in the next week or so. The final cost was approximately \$270. Jason also reported that the board of supervisors approved our recommendation to apply for the lidded recycling trashcan grant. The township staff will apply for this grant by the end of the week, and we should know by the end of the year if we get it. They will request 3000 totes, the cost to include assembly and distribution. David reported that there is approximately \$.5m in the refuse fund. Discussion followed about what to do with the old recycling bins if we receive this grant. Any recommendations from our council were deferred until we know if the grant is received.

Under old business, we first discussed the pumpkin festival. It was a great turn out, and so many more came this year than last that we ran out of supplies, even after replenishing them twice! We will certainly get more next year.

Next, we discussed the purchase of gift certificates for native plants to be planted in 2023 in two locations in front of the township building primarily. In order to utilize the remaining budget for 2022, we need to purchase gift certificates now to be used next year.

Next, we discussed the media launch update. Mary K and Mary M provided this update. Christi asked if the capitalization of our name could be changed to all caps. Mary K explained that

Facebook automated this capitalization and that it could not be changed for 30 days according to their rules. Alice indicated we are already up to 40 followers. Council members were asked to share with our Facebook contacts to increase the numbers coming to this page. Jason has been asked to send out a notice to East Goshen Township residents both on constant contact, and on East Goshen Township's Facebook postings. Mary K will send out and share the Google sheet for the collection of ideas for weekly postings. All council members can add to this collection, but only the three current media committee members will post. Any images need to be in the free public domain or photos we take ourselves or have written permission to use, so no copyright violations occur.

Under new business, we received a living landscapes update from Christi, who explained that, since it was too rainy, we could not go outside to look at the area under consideration for developing a very small pocket park to include native plantings. She reported that she met with Mark Miller and Derek Davis to review options for this area, and we are encouraged to proceed with planning for a spring and early summer planting schedule. Peg, as a certified PA master gardener, will help with all decisions regarding planting purchases, layout and maintenance needs.

Next, we discussed a proposed option that a Goshen green team be formed as an auxiliary to the West Chester green team. We discussed the option of forming a Goshen green team to include residents from both east and west Goshen. Most of the focus for 2023 by the WCGT would be on programs for children, designing lesson plans for the age groups 5 to 10, crafts, Native American projects, etc. Alice wanted to ensure that if there was any final formation, that there would be a clear, formal understanding of what our responsibilities would be versus WCGT, since WCGT has other areas of focus that are not relevant for us in East Goshen, such as Porchfest and West Chester Borough's designation as a Transition Town.

Next, Christine McCormick gave an abbreviated verbal explanation of environmental mapping, since the video presentation she has prepared was not able to be shown on Township equipment tonight. She will make the presentation at the November meeting. She identified that a few of the points she would be discussing are based on the guidelines in our new ESAC ordinance which calls for environmental mapping. The purpose of the mapping includes identification of problems and potential solutions. She will review not only maps from East Goshen's Townships 10 year plan, but from state and federal resources. She will advise us what kind of mapping system East Goshen Township will need to cover water quality review and other issues.

David reported that EGT hired Natural Lands six years ago to study our six ponds, but so far only one has been fully remediated.

Next we discussed who would be available to help staff the toddler Halloween trick-or-treat event in the park this year Mary K and Bryan volunteered to represent ESAC this year.

Peg, who is also a master watershed steward, has attended seminars on creating rain gardens, and the development of meadows. She is making folders for both projects if we want to have a

future event on these, Christi commented that these are both of significant interest, and central to the mission of this council.

A motion was made by Mary M, and seconded by Mary K to adjourn the meeting. After unanimous approval, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

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Meeting Agenda, draft Minutes  
Monday, Nov 28, 2022  
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – C. Marshall
  - a. Mary Krueger, Christi Marshall, Kipp Happ, Bryan Hutchison, Alice Lenthe, David Shuey, Mary McKloskey, Peg Freise
2. Pledge of Allegiance – K. Happ
3. Moment of Silence – K. Happ
4. Is anyone recording meeting? - K. Happ
5. Chair's Report - Ready for 100% Resolution
  - a. Request to add the resolution as an agenda amendment.
    - i. Alice -1st
    - ii. Mary Krueger – 2nd
    - iii. All in favor; motion passes and item added to agenda
  - b. C. Supple asked if everyone had read the latest version of the resolution. Christine had a suggested change. The very last item proposes we divest the township's pension investments in fossil fuels by 2025. She mentioned that some fossil fuel companies are adding some green energy projects to maximize clean energy sectors by 2035. D. Shuey said it is difficult to pick exact stocks or investments like this. There are funds out there that are renewable. It might be difficult, but he is willing to bring it up at a future pension committee meeting. D. Shuey asked if this resolution uses a standard Ready 100 model. C. Supple said she consulted the standard, and several local Township resolutions as well. Most Townships made some changes, with West Whiteland wording closest to what we are proposing. SE PA Sierra Club is very active in the Ready 100 program. It would be good to know the percentage of Chesco municipalities for a discussion with the BOS. Kipp found at least 10 in Chester County. C. Supple will bring research to BOS where this resolution is presented. She read the change proposed by C. McCormick, and it was unanimously approved.
  - c. Motion to approve the resolution that will go before the BOS
    - i. K. Happ
    - ii. B. Hutchison
    - iii. All in favor, ESAC recommends the resolution move to the BOS
6. Approval of minutes for Oct. 2022
  - a. Pushed to December
7. Board Contact Report - David: EGT budget progress
  - a. D. Shuey reported on the proposed 2023 Township budget. Most of the Township's revenue comes from EIT, second is property tax, and we have not had a millage increase since 2003. We are experiencing less volunteerism and more paid firefighters, more WEGO Police budgetary requests. The bottom line is that our budget is very tight, and while we understand that people are on fixed incomes, a modest tax increase may be needed. Additionally, we want to maintain our triple A rating. Mary McCloskey asked if there is anything ESAC can do that would decrease expenses. ESAC will look for expense reduction options, and recommend to BOS.

8. Staff Reports - Jason: bike rack and Township events, newsletter, recycling toter
  - a. J. Lang reported that the bike rack is in, but other Public work projects took priority for the time being, so it has not been installed yet.
9. Committee Reports - update on Media: Mary M., Alice, Mary K.
  - a. D. Shuey said the media committee has done a great job with engaging media. M. Krueger reported on the number of posts made to date.
10. Contact Reports - WCACEF - Bryan
  - a. B. Hutchison is working on social media posts recommended by WCACEF, a blog about the infrastructure bill, plus a placeholder for incentives IIJA passed in 2021 and the cost effectiveness of heat pumps.
11. Old Business:
  - a. Environmental Mapping presentation – C. McCormick
    - i. Christine gave a presentation on mapping. Discussed how mapping is important in comprehensive planning.
  - b. Final accounting for ESAC expenses – Bryan
  - c. Purchase of gift certificates for plant purchases - Peg, Jason
    - i. P. Friese and J. Lang to coordinate
  - d. Possible joint Expo with East and West Goshen – CM
    - i. WGT wants to do a sustainability expo jointly. We need a specific focus, examples could be: two tracks, the first being that we not make this a focus on businesses, but try to reach individual residents, encouraging them to reduce as much as possible their reliance on fossil fuels. The secondary focus might be to make a pitch specifically to youth, who will inherit this environment. We might find a young person who can help organize, and make presentations.
12. New Business:
  - a. New Contacts at East Goshen Elementary – CM
    - i. Gardening group at EGE is a promising new relationship. Already exchanged emails.
  - b. New Contact with Boy Scouts – CM identified a new contact
  - c. Mapping of Serpentine Barrens in East Goshen – C. McCormick included this discussion in her mapping presentation
  - d. Update on Goshen Green Team Committee – CM
    - i. C. Supple remarked that Alice pointed out at our last meeting there may be legal considerations in terms of this possible collaboration. She suggested we explore other options, including collaboration with West Goshen on this.
13. Public Comments:
  - a. There were no public comments.
14. Adjourn Meeting: Motion by K. Happ and Second by Mary McKloskey
  - a. Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.