

EGT Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes, Monday February 27, 2023  
7pm

Present: Christi Marshal, Bryan Hutchinson, Mary Krueger, Peg Friese, Christine McCormick,  
Board of Supervisor David Shuey; Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator Jessica Wihelmy  
Not Present: Alice Lenthe

1. Call to Order-Meeting Called to order by CM at 7pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance-Led by Peg Friese
3. Moment of Silence. Mary Krueger asked for a Moment of silence.
- 6 Approval of Minutes 1/23. Minutes were delayed to 3/23 to allow for additional edits.
7. Board Contact Report-David.
  - (He will not be at April Meeting, will be at March Meeting)
  - Ready for 100 Resolution-Pension funds-talked to chair of pension committee. Those funds are ESG's; funds are indexed - a mish mash of everything, oil and gas stocks make up a diminimus of the total funds; ESG funds are smaller and fees are higher. Wording is ok-but not that practical since we have large index funds.
8. Staff Report: Jessica: Trying to make everything uniform for a conformity with the agendas of the ABC's.
9. Treasurer's Report: Bryan-Nothing to report-no expenses yet. Will send the FY ESAC Budget spreadsheet to Christi which shows itemized breakout.
10. Committee Reports:
  - Media: Mary K-corrected the name of the Facebook page. Mary M. talked about an electronics recycling place in Pottstown. Christine has a list of electronic recycling locations for Hershey's Mill. Will send out to committee.
  - 2023 Expo: Mary M. needs a picture for the Expo announcement to post on Facebook. Jessica to check to see if there is a picture of the park. Bryan/Christi/Christine are attending the weekly Friday zoom meetings hosted by West Goshen. Paula Kline, from Westtown SAC, has asked if they can join us. West Goshen has 2 new EV's. Peg has friend on Westtown committee she could connect with about watershed tables. Contact for Lavazza (who was both a financial sponsor and vendor last year) was Alice. We will wait for her to invite them; No food trucks, Dia Dulce (cupcake truck) will be attending only if we hold on the rain date 4/16/23. New vendor: Petals Please. Repair Café-Mary M.-they have a conflict but will work with our township if we want to do this in the future. Mary M. can set up a table to promote them. Committee talked about the passport used last year. Peg-was at the PA Farm show-took a quiz on-line after visiting each booth, name/address, etc. Jessica will ask Jason how the Community Day quiz worked. Peg and Christine to coordinate on pollinators and Invasive species. Easier to have vendor bring their own tables. Public works is required for bringing tables to the park and re-arranging the picnic tables.
11. Contact Report: WCACEF – Bryan. Still looking for groups for the WCACEF presentations. Tentative 4/23 presenting at a small HOA Board in East Bradford.
- 12: Old Business:

A. Result of presentation of Ready for 100 Resolution-David. Resolution is off the table, due to no 2nd made at the BOS meeting and suggestions by Michael Lynch on wording revisions.

B. Proposal for ordinance for single-use plastics- Limitations (not all bags are covered). CM- 3 Board members interested in a plastics resolution. Of the six surrounding townships/boroughs West Chester and West Goshen have passed and are implementing. They focused on Paper first and then reusable bags second. Our draft doesn't focus on paper-reusable first. Styrofoam is left out in WC/WG ordinance. Committee discussed adding this in resolution. NJ has a state regulation for Plastic bag bans, also clamshell containers given out are made from Cardboard and can be recycled. David suggested revisions: Enforcement-take out the hard language. Christi explained she recommends no enforcement wording at present. He also indicated Township will be reinstating Breakfast business meetings in discussions with BOS. Could use these meetings to obtain feedback on resolution. David- Edit recommendations: Findings p-2 B3. Does not readily decompose, rather than degrade. Mary M. suggested we make collage of pictures of plastics bags on side of roads, take a note of the address where these are found. Can take pictures on a walk.

Sequencing for the Resolution:

- a. Christi to revise the ordinance, adding Styrofoam, take out compliance wording.
- b. We can "Recommend" this 1st draft-we don't need to make a motion until the final draft is ready to be sent to the BOS. David suggest doing a 30 minute call for a weeknight in a few weeks. We would be recommending the draft, not a motion during this meeting.
- c. Send the draft out to the BOS, ask for input-David to follow up
- d. Ask BOS for permission.
- e. Needs to be a community compulsion.
- f. How to get ready for this ordinance: Need more information on the ordinance to be disseminated to the public
- g. Have bags with different materials at the BOS meeting
- h. Need to confirm with Derek to see if plastic bags CAN be included in our waste stream-Mascaro is the recycling company for all the townships in our area.

C. Pocket Park walk through – Peg and Christi did a walk through-came up with some uses for the area. Good neighbor day-raking leaves; ideas-soft landings; Oak trees are a keystone species. Pocket park area would be in front of the Public Works Building; Plant natives under trees; put in a rain garden: one garden by itself won't have much affect, but many others will reduce township's water run-off. Demo Soft Landing and Demo Rain Garden.

D. D. East Goshen Elementary Garden Club- CM

a. Chair of Garden Club and Chair of Parent Teachers Assoc. at Fugett. Very enthusiastic to bring children to the BOS meeting (Plastic Bag Resolution). We also have a contact at the Cub Scouts.

13. New Business:

A. Initiatives to promote single use plastics ordinance

• -Mary K. Pictures of bags blocking storm drains, Earth Day; Get into this habit of using a reusable bag. Get the children thinking about this. David suggested using the phrase: Think

inside the bag. Bryan will look up the report from Willistown Preserve regarding microplastics found in the local streams. Mary K. will find numbers for 88 bags per person per day.

B. Clarification of invasive species lists and postings-CM. There is an extensive list of native plants. H. Mills has a native plant garden and published a list of native plants. Cultivar-didn't evolve naturally. They have a link for the publication from H. Mills Nature Group. Can send this to ESAC Facebook. Actively good for pollinators. East Goshen has a list for native trees from Conservancy.

C. Update on EV charging station at Giant-CM? Christi has contacted Ed McFalls. He asked the EV install company to remove the handicap markings. He will also be authorizing their removal when the parking lot is redone, if they haven't been removed beforehand.

D. Solar panels for EGT Buildings-BH to follow-up and contact Richard Ling, from Station A.

E. Proposal for new meeting time-6:30pm going forward

14. Public Comments:

Russ Frank asked if the plastic ban resolution would cover poop bags in the park as well as others like food bags (bread, etc.). Clarification was provided on this topic. Mr. Frank also provided information about how EV batteries are being mined in African countries using child labor. Mr. Frank was thanked for his comments. David indicated that while this is an important subject and needed more public discussion, legislation that could change this would need to be addressed at the federal level.

Adjourn Mtg: Motion by Bryan Hutchinson Second by Mary McCloskey at 9:05 pm. Motion unanimously approved.