

EGT Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday May 22, 2023
6:30 PM

Present: Christi Marshall, Bryan Hutchinson, Peg Friese, Christine McCormick, Mary McCloskey, Alice Lenthe
Not Present: David Shuey, Mary Krueger

Visitors: Judy DiFonzo

1. Call to Order-Meeting Called to order by CM at 6:30pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance-Led by M.M.
3. Moment of Silence. M.M. Asked for a Moment of silence.
4. Is anyone recording meeting-CM
5. Chair's report. If we have any changes on the Resolution members can e-mail Christi. We will follow-up with David and other BOS for feedback. Alice is retiring from the Council due to moving. She will need to send a resignation letter to the BOS.

Christi would like each member of the Council to pick a topic and team up with another member to focus on in this year. Christi suggested Bryan look at Township Energy Plan. (Big ticket for next year). Mary M. And K. will manage the Facebook page, with suggested postings from other Council members. Christine M. and Christi will work on content for website. Peg and Christi will work on new pocket park concept.
We can bring in other people from the community to form committees since we are now a Council.

6. Approval of Minutes. MM made a motion to accept the April 24, 2023, minutes, Second: CW. Passed Unanimously.

7. Board Contact Report-David.

- No report-David was not in attendance.

8. Staff Report

9. Treasurer's Report: Bryan-Chris Boylan reported on 5/2/23 there were no expenses posted/incurred in April. She will provide a report at the beginning of each month and Bryan will update the Council each month. Christi will put in charges for Stickers she purchased for the Expo. Bryan will send out the Excel spreadsheet showing Budget details.

10. Committee Reports:

- Media: Mary K, Mary M, Alice. Transitioning to replace Alice on the Communication Committee (use Peg and Christi unofficially as replacements)
- Mary M. can obtain requests for Facebook while Mary K is on vacation.

11. Contact Report: WCACEF – Bryan. Michael Schneller \$10 off Energy Assessment proposal from Peco has been sent out by the Township on Constant Contact. Will run until 8/31/23. The communication Committee will run these on the ESAC FACEBOOK page.

12: Old Business:

A. Single use plastics ordinance-CM reviewed the ordinance which she sent out today through e-mail. Reviewed various edits by Council Members. Members will review and let Christi know if any edits/changes. Talked about preparation for public presentation. Need to collect data on plastics. She will resend this list out for ideas for participation.

B. Installation around entrance sign-PF we should look at the plantings next month (was too dark)-they are already in around the Entrance sign. CM and Peg to work on a 5-year plan for native plantings. Peg couldn't get all plants we wanted, but most are under the sign.

C. Next steps for plantings in front of maintenance building. Discussed various issues on this subject.

13. New Business:

A. Plans for Community Day on June 24-We should utilize this and other township events to engage with the community. The Sustainability Event just didn't get the kind of coverage we expected.

Ideas Discussed:

- Bookmarks to give out-various practical subjects-Doesn't have to be long in detail. Alice-we shouldn't give out too many things-prefers to use posters. Put on a QR Code. Pick one-or two topics. Mary M. idea of "From this to This-Examples".

- Give out items (small trees/metal straws, seeds,etc.). Plant seeds-free planter with soils. Mark Miller could give us soil. Some members thought soil would be too messy.

- Milk Jugs/cut out like a whale-use as a water jug

- Cutouts-people put their faces into them, and they take their picture

- Banner-Everyday is Earth Day. CM has one and displayed it. We can hang this over the table for group pictures.

- Adults-Pledge for Adults-Stop using plastic bags. Clip Boards; Pick one of the five; 1) Meatless Mondays; 2) plant a native plant; 3) sign up for \$10 discounts for Peco Energy Assessment; (Bryan-will set this up on a Grid); 3) Combine Shopping Trips; 3) Use a reusable water bottle.

- o Ask Michael Schneller if he wants to join us at the table. (was he at Community day last year?) Bryan to ask.

- Posters: Christi will send a list of what we can put on it.

- Kids: Cardboard tree - in township building - have leaves at the event (tasks you can do to help the environment).

o Focused on: Posters and Jugs-handouts- Need to decide: Seed, closure and package decision. We should think about what type of seeds we use (via e-mail).

B. Recommendations for new member-Council members to provide recommendations next month

C. Election of VC-Hold off until next month. We need skills such: Graphic artist, graphic design; We are looking for new members as well (to be on Committees).

14. Public Comments:

- Judy-lives in Marydell. She brought up questions regarding the township's ordinance on the mowing of meadows, since they have one out by the pond. Questions about the mowing of these meadows. She liked the concept of a meadows and thought more promotion was needed by the township. CM indicated the ESAC will be promoting this concept more extensively this year. We need to look at the township ordinances. Judy needs to talk to Conservancy regarding the issues at Marydell, as the maintenance and mowing of the meadows is a Conservancy issue, and we have not been asked for input. Judy can also connect with David Shuey.

15. Adjourn Mtg: Motion by MM and Second by PF. at 8:23 pm