

**EGT Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 26, 2024 6:30 PM**  
**FINAL MINUTES**

**Present:** Kennan Flanagan, Mary Krueger, Kimberly Schaffer, Tony Natale, Barbara Emery (Board Liaison), Jess Wilhelmy(EG liaison)

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:**

Tony called the meeting to order at 6:32pm and led the pledge of allegiance. He also held the moment of silence.

**Anyone recording the meeting:** None

**Board Advisor Report and ESAC Appointments:**

Barbara Emery welcomed the East High School Students, Nada Neskovic, Sharifa Diasseny, Matias Ctuzman Schevenberg, to the meeting.

Kennan announced Ernie Harkness from the Planning Commission expressed some interest in becoming a member of ESAC.

**Continued discussion of ESAC Ordinance and drafts of Mission:**

Tony went over everyone's submission for the mission statement.

Mary doesn't feel any of the submissions are not suitable for the new statement and is happy with any of them.

Tony expressed his opinion that it should have a government aspect to it.

Matias suggested that it should not be too wordy.

Tony made a motion for ESAC to adopt the revised mission to state: In accordance with the EGT ordinance, ESAC is committed to preserving our natural environment, protecting the health and safety of our community and educating our township on sustainable and economic environmental best practices.

Kim seconded.

Motion accepted 4-0.

**Discuss plans for 2024 projects and strategic plan for 2025:**

Tony asked about the recycling tour.

Mary suggested having everyone watch the video on JP Mascaro's website first. Then they can schedule a private tour.

Tony would like to look into the House Bill 137 that involves grants to promote solar equipment on schools.

Tony would like to get the township staff to set an example and not use plastic water bottles.

Mary asked about continuing to talk to businesses about the resolution on plastic bags, straws and Styrofoam. Tony stated he does not see the resolution being used by the companies that he visited. If members of the Council desire to visit more to promote the resolution, he is not opposed to it but does not feel that it will work.

Kennan identified that we should be looking into water quality. A baseline should be established to measure against in the future.

Other items that were brought up: recycling bags at grocery stores, composting at school, yard waste and the native plant signage.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Kennan made a motion to approve the minutes from July 22, 2024.

Kim seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

**Treasurer Report:** None

**New items:** None

**Public Comments:**

Carmen, East Goshen Resident, recommended looking at onlot sewage and the environment concerns.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Kim motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:09.

Marry seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Wilhelmy