

EAC Meeting Summary: Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Present:

EAC Members: Earl Cram, Michelle Garg, Karen Guerrero, Harmonie Hawley, Mary Ellen Heisey, Steve Kunz, Jonathan Meyers and Michael Roscoe.

Board of Supervisors (BOS): Martha Majewski, E.J. Mentry and Jim Morrisson

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

- **EAC Meeting Summary Approval**

- The meeting summary of the January 2019 meeting was read and approved.

- **Announcements**

- Ms. Heisey announced:
 - Storm Water Management Presentation: Thurs, March 14th at 7:30 PM. Township manger confirmed the three speakers.
 - Bowman's Hill Symposium will be held Thurs, March 14th.
 - Next newsletter deadline is 12Apr2019 for May18th publication.
 - Bags for benches collection is due 22April2019.

- **Public Attendance**

- None.

- **Presentations**

- None.

- **Reports/Updates on Ongoing Business**

- **Bird Town**
 - Ms. Heisey announced the sendoff party for Steve Saffier was held last month.
- **Clean-ups**
 - Mr. Cram announced the Great American Clean-up will be along route 29 on March 23rd from 8am to 10am with March 24th as the rain date.
- **Energy Planning**
 - Mr. Meyers reviewed the list of townships that recently endorsed their own energy resolutions in and around Chester County: Radnor, Uwchlan, and Springfield.
 - Mr. Meyers announced the next Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee meeting will be held on February 27th.
 - Mr. Meyers reviewed the minor updates of the RF100 Resolution for EAC review and approval prior to sending to the BOS.
 - Mr. Roscoe reviewed his concerns regarding the date of 2035 in the energy resolution and the origin of the generation of electricity. He provided the EAC with additional energy generation graph of generation type over time which showed coal dropped to the lowest level after 2014.
 - EAC voted unanimously to forward the proposal to the BOS through the township manager. Mr. Meyers will send to township manager for review by the Township Solicitor for review prior to the review at the next BOS meeting held on March 6th @7:30.
- **Lanternfly Boy Scout project**
 - Ms. Guerrero announced that Chance will educate and kill any forms of the lanternfly in order to obtain his merit badge.
- **Land use ordinances subcommittee**

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- Ms. Majewski announced that the final updated draft will be presented before the BOS on March 28th at 7:00 at the township building.
- **Name Unnamed Streams Project**
 - Mr. Kunz announced 7 of the 13 names will be voted on by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names on April 11th.
- **Northern Chesco EAC meeting**
 - Ms. Heisey and Mr. Meyers both attended. Ms Heisey reviewed the top 3 EAC accomplishments and 3 concerns for Schuylkill Township at the meeting on February 19th. She reviewed the West Vincent accomplishment of the heritage tree project. It was very well received by the township. Each resident of a heritage tree received a plaque/tree marker.
- **Pickering Preserve**
 - Ms. Heisey reviewed comments received from Carol Armstrong regarding the tree removal on the YMCA property along Creek Rd. A permit from DEP was received for the removal of the log jam which caused the erosion of the road. Mr. Kunz will follow up with Carol regarding her concerns.
 - Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and mowing schedule subteam – Mr. Cram suggested a walk through with Natural Lands Trust representative, the township manager and the township road master around April, once the leaves are present for plant identification and to determine the areas that will be mowed.
 - Mr. Cram erected the Kestrel bird box.
- **Rain Garden / Butterfly Garden**
 - No updates.
- **Township Solar Panels**
 - Mr. Meyers contacted several businesses to determine if the panels are usable. He would like to inspect the panels on March 7th. Mr. Morrisson asked if the panels should be ground or roof mounted.
- **Treasurer's report**
 - No updates.
- **Valley Park**
 - Mr. Mentry mentioned that the schedule has been delayed due to weather by ~2 weeks. Mr. Morrisson and Mr. Majewski asked if the EAC could provide suggestions for environmental educational postings, signs and or markers for the park. Ms. Majewski mentioned that the PECO Green region grants are due Oct. This could be a source of money to use for the EAC signage.
- **Developments**
 - **Eagle's Point at Sedgley Farms (Reeves property)**
 - Mr. Kunz reviewed the proposed EAC reply to Township Engineer's first review letter of Pohlig's PRD EaglesPointe at Sedgley Farms dated February 15, 2019 and passed out the updated plan received on February 21, 2019. EAC voted unanimously for him to do so.
 - Mr. Kunz asked for the EAC endorsement to complete a more comprehensive EAC comment letter on Eagles Pointe. EAC voted unanimously for him to do so. The first public hearing will occur on March 13, 2019 at 6:30pm at the township building.
 - The EAC voted and approved Mr. Kunz as the EAC representative and participating party for the hearings.
 - **Proposed WaWa**
 - No updates.

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- **New /Other Business**

- Mr. Mentry mentioned that the Land and Water Conservation Fund that the EAC petitioned to be renewed last year to Senators Toomey and Casey was renewed with permanent funding. Feb12th article Washington post.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2019/02/12/senate-just-passed-decades-biggest-public-lands-package-heres-whats-it/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.702e89d37739