

EAC Meeting Summary: Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Present:

EAC Members: Michelle Garg, Karen Guerrero, Mary Ellen Heisey, Tom Heisey, Steve Kunz, Jonathan Meyers & Michael Roscoe.

Board of Supervisors (BOS): Martha Majewski

Public: Two potential EAC alternate candidates: Amada Gensemer and Karen Hilyard

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

- **EAC Meeting Summary Approval**
 - The meeting summary of the January 2020 meeting was read and approved.
- **Announcements**
 - Ms. Heisey announced:
 - Bowman's Hill – Land Ethics Seminar – Mar 12th from 8-4.
 - Township Quarterly Meeting: Penn Environmental will present Zero Waste Plastic Pollution Solutions on March 12th at the Golf Club.
 - Newsletter- Hometown Press-May issue. Please send articles to Township Secretary by March 30th.
- **EAC 2020**
 - Township Quarterly Meeting Sept 10th –
 - EAC will suggest a presentation on the spotted lantern fly.
 - Burning yard waste –
 - Ms. Guerrero reviewed the Outdoor Burning Ordinance of West Vincent Township. The EAC will make changes to our ordinance, review at next EAC meeting and then send the EAC approved requested updates to the township manager for circulation.
 - Brine issue follow-up.
 - Ms. Majewski mentioned that Schuylkill Township would make their own brine vs importing from other townships.
 - The Woods in your backyard webinar will be attended by Mr. Cram.
 - Mr. Meyers reviewed the Backyard Fruit Growers workshop in order to potentially add fruit trees to our open spaces.
- **Reports/Updates on Ongoing Business**
 - **Bird Town**
 - No updates.
 - **Clean-ups**
 - Ms. Majewski received a request from the Township Manager to review the potential to clean up on Pawlings Rd from Revolution Blvd to the Schuylkill River.
 - **Energy Planning**
 - Chester County: Environmental and Energy Advisory Board
 - See updates for the county:
 - <https://www.chesco.org/civicalerts.aspx?aid=1052>
 - Earlier this month The Chester County Commissioners voted to appoint 15 individuals to the County's new Environmental and Energy Advisory Board. The members of the Board include Chester County residents along with representatives of businesses, energy initiatives, municipalities, land conservancies and county departments

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- Phoenixville Regional Area Sub-Committee.
 - Mr. Meyers attended the West Chester meeting on Jan 29th to evaluate the county's clean energy potential. West Vincent passed their clean energy resolution last month. He is still working with East Pikeland on their resolution.
 - Mr. Meyers plans to attend the "Climate on Tap" Happy Hour with State Representative Melissa Shusterman on Thursday, February 27th from 6pm to 8pm at the Crowded Castle Brewery in Phoenixville
- **Name Unnamed Streams Project**
 - Mr. Heisey reviewed project development over the past 3.5 years with the audience.
- **Pickering Preserve**
 - Land maintenance schedule sub-team:
 - Meadow Mow Plan
 - No updates
 - Kestrel box
 - Mr. Cram emailed that the boxes were cleaned out last month.
- **Spotted Lantern Fly**
 - No updates.
- **Storm Water Management**
 - Ms. Majewski announced the plan was approved by the DEP. Next stage is to educate private property owners of the plan. Ms. Majewski will email the plan to the EAC for review.
- **Trash Collection**
 - No updates.
- **Tree Ordinance**
 - Mr. Kunz provided Ms. Guerette with his suggested ordinance updates for the workshop held last week.
- **Treasurer's report**
 - No updates.
- **Valley Park**
 - Ms. Majewski announced that the park was partially inspected by the conservation district. They will re-inspect the park in the spring.
- **Developments**
 - **Eagles Pointe at Sedgley Farms (Reeves property)**
 - Ms. Majewski announced that the BOS filed an appeal on the judge's ruling.
 - **Proposed WaWa**
 - No updates.
- **New / Other Business**
 - Next EAC meeting March 24th, 2020
 - Ms. Majewski announced the Township Manager would like assistance with selecting any EAC rep interested in researching alternative fuel vehicles for use by the township.
 - Ms. Majewski also mentioned that the Township Manager would like EAC to work with PECO for an energy audit of all the township owned buildings. Mr. Meyers volunteered to be the EAC representative.
 - EAC discussed and interviewed the alternate EAC candidates interests and prior experience.
 - EAC voted unanimously to add Karen Hilyard as the immediate candidate for the current open EAC alternate position.

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- EAC voted unanimously to add Amanda Gensemer as the third EAC alternate position, if the position is approved by the BOS.
- Additional alternate: EAC will recommend to the BOS that Ms. Hilyard as the immediate alternate for the current open position. EAC voted unanimously to request the BOS for a total of three alternate positions.