

## EAC Meeting Summary: Tuesday, May 26, 2020

### Present:

**EAC Members:** Earl Cram, Michelle Garg, Amanda Gensemer, Karen Guerrero, Mary Ellen Heisey, Tom Heisey, Karen Hilyard, Steve Kunz, Jonathan Meyers & Michael Roscoe.

**Board of Supervisors (BOS):** Susan Guerette & Martha Majewski

**Township Manager:** E.J. Mentry

**Public:** None

Virtual (GoTo) meeting called to order at 7:08pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

- **EAC Meeting Summary Approval**
  - The meeting summary of the February 2020 meeting was read, updates made and approved.
- **Announcements**
  - Ms. Heisey announced:
    - Welcome new EAC member: Karen Hilyard, Amanda Gensemer.
- **EAC 2020**
  - Township Quarterly Meeting Sept 10th
    - Ms. Guerrero may suggest a presentation on the spotted lantern fly or we may suggest the plastics presentation previously planned for March quarterly meeting be presented at the September 10<sup>th</sup> public meeting.
  - EAC network meeting report:
    - Ms. Gensemer, Mr. Meyers and Ms. Heisey attended the meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Heisey felt the meeting acknowledged the overall well-being of our EAC in comparison to others.
- **Reports/Updates on Ongoing Business**
  - **Burning yard waste**
    - Ms. Guerrero reviewed her suggested updates to the township's Ordinance Chapter 122 with exceptions for sections E and F. Her suggestions included:
      - Ensure the fire is attended to by someone of 18 years or older.
      - Ensure an extinguishing agent is present, in working order and readily available.
      - Limit burning to not last any longer than 3 hours.
      - Prohibit recreational burning during droughts or if the air quality is at or greater unhealthy for sensitive groups (AQI  $\geq$  101).
      - Prohibited to burn located within 100 feet of a property line.
      - Include if weather is too dangerous to safely have a recreational fire.
    - Ms. Majewski recommend the EAC sends the requested updates to the township fire marshal for review prior to BOS review/approval.
  - **Clean-ups**
    - On- hold.
  - **Energy Planning**
    - Chester County: Environmental and Energy Advisory Board
      - Mr. Meyers noted 50% of residents (30 townships/boroughs) live in Philadelphia area with clean energy initiative.
      - West Chester area completed the draft renewable energy study. It is now in review by the local municipalities. The review is delayed due to inability to meet.
      - Phoenixville Regional Area still in process.

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- PECO Audit
  - Mr. Meyers will work with Ms. Gensemer on the audit of the township facilities.
- Ms. Guerette recommended Mr. Meyers take part in more tangible actions for township implementation.
- **Pickering Preserve**
  - Mr. Cram noticed some misuse of the preserve and recommend that the township post regulation signs (dogs on leash, no dumping, etc).
  - Mr. Cram recommended that we confirm the property boundaries with the YMCA to ensure preserve is not mowed or applying chemicals (pesticide/herbicides).
  - Mr. Cram discussed the wetland area on the boundary of the two properties. VFSA cleared their right of way area recently. Mr. Cram recommended to VFSA to not clear the area and restore the area with non-invasive native plants that won't affect their sewer lines.
  - Mr. Cram mentioned that a new hunters tree stand was recently installed in this area. Mr. Mentry to ask the authorized group of hunters if they recently installed a new stand.
  - Land maintenance schedule sub-team:
    - Meadow Mow Plan
      - No updates
    - Kestrel box
      - Mr. Cram emailed that the boxes have tenants and to not mow around the boxes.
- **Spotted Lantern Fly**
  - Ms. Guerrero reported that neighboring areas reported seeing nymphs. She also said that removal of the trees of heaven is still recommended since it slows their reproducibility. She recommends that the township remove any of these trees on township properties. She believes it could be complete with the current road master equipment. She will review the properties to better identify it.
- **Storm Water Management**
  - Mr. Mentry announced the plan was approved by the DEP have 5 years to implement the BMPs to reduce the sediment by 10%.
- **Trash Collection**
  - No updates.
- **Tree Ordinance**
  - Mr. Guerette sent the proposed tree ordinance to the EAC. Mr. Kunz requested that the EAC review and provide comments for the next EAC.
- **Treasurer's report**
  - No updates.
- **Valley Park**
  - Regulation signs will be posted here as well as the preserve.
  - Interpretive signs will be posted for the woodland, wetland and meadow areas. Signs must be posted on the ADA compliant trail. Signs to be reviewed by the open space committee. Subcommittee formed to design the signs: Mr. Heisey (lead), Mr. Cram, Ms. Hilyard, Ms. Guerrero.
- **Developments**
  - **Eagles Pointe at Sedgley Farms (Reeves property)**
    - No updates.
  - **Proposed WaWa**
    - One of the three properties was sold recently.

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- **New / Other Business**
  - Next EAC meeting June 23, 2020