

## EAC Meeting Summary: Tuesday, June 23, 2020

### Present:

**EAC Members:** Earl Cram, Michelle Garg, 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:** M. Harbison, for E.J. Mentry.

**Public:** None

Virtual (GoTo) meeting called to order at 7:07pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

- **EAC Meeting Summary Approval**

- The meeting summary of the May 2020 meeting was read, updates made and approved.

- **Announcements**

- Ms. Heisey announced:
  - Next Newsletter article deadline is 5<sup>th</sup> September for the last September publication. The EAC will consider topics for the next article.

- **EAC 2020**

- Bicycle route
  - EAC voted unanimously to designate Buckwalter and Creek Roads to be designated as share the road bicycle signs. Ms. Heisey will send a letter to board with this recommendation. Ms. Garg will research the sign placement requirements (cost, frequency, current signage).
- Lawns to meadows & forests in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed
  - Ms. Heisey will generate an EAC endorsed article about this for the next publication.

- **Reports/Updates on Ongoing Business**

- **Burning yard waste**
  - Ms. Guerrero reviewed her suggested updates to the township's Ordinance Chapter 122. Minor updates were requested. She will make the updates for EAC July meeting for final review, approval, and submission to the BOS.
- **Clean-ups**
  - On- hold.
- **Energy Planning**
  - Clean Energy Action Items, Tasks & Projects
    - Schuylkill Township- Action Items & Projects:
      - Energy (PECO Audit)
        - Mr. Meyers would like to use complimentary consultant, Mr. Steve Clark, to independently evaluate the energy use for township owned areas.
        - Ms. Majewski mentioned that we have no township-maintained streetlights and all traffic & parking lot lights currently use LED lighting.
      - Vehicles
        - Mr. Meyers would like to receive a list of township owned vehicles to determine if/when they could transition to more energy efficient vehicles.
        - EVCS: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. Mr. Meyers would like to apply for a voucher to install one or two charging stations. The grant

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would cover the installation cost. Does the township want to install this type of station within the township? Mr. Meyers will present more about this topic at the next EAC.

- Phoenixville Regional Area- Action Items & Projects
  - VPP (Vision Partnership Planning) Grant at county level. Two townships are already pursuing this grant. Three main purposes of the grant are development, transition and implementation of the clean energy plan and to ensure key stakeholders' engagement and education.
  - PACEA (Phoenixville Area Clean Energy Alliance). Mr. Meyers would like to attend this seminar on behalf of the EAC. Mr. Meyers will ask the township manager is this a reimbursable expense. If yes, EAC will vote at next EAC on our actions/participation.
- Mr. Meyers will attend the next Chester County Environmental Ad board, 24Jun2020, and report back.
- **Pickering Preserve**
  - Land maintenance schedule sub-team:
    - Meadow Mow Plan
      - New mow schedule was updated to reduce cutting the preserve to once per year, in the fall no earlier than after the first frost. Updated schedule was shared with the Township Roadmaster.
    - Ms. Majewski reported that the Township boundary markers were removed and work is being done to replace these with more permanent markers that notate they are property of the township.
    - Mr. Cram reported the VFSA would reimburse us for the cost of the native rye seed if the EAC would spread it or have volunteers spread it. Mr. Crams will follow up with township manager for continued progress on this topic.
    - The EAC would like post interpretative signs at the preserve. Ms. Majewski would like to maintain the same type of signs from Valley Park. Signage fees would come out of the EAC budget.
    - Mr. Mentry reported back that the tree stand belongs to the group of bow hunters who are the only group allowed to hunt on the preserve. The EAC requested Ms. Guerette speak with the Township manager inform the hunters to remove the tree stand until the next hunting season. The hunters will be allowed to have a tree stand only during the hunting season.
    - EAC agreed to postpone the next walk thru with Mr. David Steckel since the invasive plants are mostly under control.
    - Invasive species plants (Canadian Thistle, Nodding Thistle, Teasel, Crown Vetch, and Callery Pear Trees). Mr. Crams requested additional help to remove invasive plants. Ms. Guerette & Township Manager would like to reduce the invasive species. Mr. Cram will discuss possible "Remove Invasive" volunteer day.
- **Spotted Lantern Fly**
  - Ms. Guerrero the EAC to please report to PSU on your counts/findings of the spotted lantern fly. She recommended to remove the trees of heaven from the township building.
- **Storm Water Management**
  - No updates
- **Trash Collection**
  - Subcommittee met to begin gathering data. Mr. Roscoe will send the meeting summary to the EAC for review. The summary should be treated confidentially.
- **Tree Ordinance**

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- Mr. Guerette still accepting comments.
- **Treasurer's report**
  - No updates.
- **Valley Park**
  - Interpretive signs subcommittee met at the park to review the location of the three interpretative signs. What was the purpose of the meeting? Were the locations approved? The sign design is in process and will allow for regular updates. Design includes photos and written descriptions.
  
- **Developments**
  - **Eagles Pointe at Sedgley Farms (Reeves property)**
    - No updates.
  - **Proposed WaWa**
    - No updates.
  
- **New / Other Business**
  - Next EAC meeting July 28, 2020