

EAC Meeting Summary: Tuesday, July 28, 2020

Present:

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

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

Township Manager: M. Harbison.

Public: None

Virtual (GoTo) meeting called to order at 7:03pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

- **EAC Meeting Summary Approval**
 - The meeting summary of the June 2020 meeting was read and approved.
- **Announcements**
 - Ms. Heisey announced:
 - Next Newsletter article deadline is 5th August for the September publication.
 - The township sent all residents an updated map of the township.
- **EAC 2020**
 - Bicycle route
 - Ms. Garg reviewed two types of potential “Share the Road” signs and continues to investigate the process to install these signs on Creek Road and Buckwalter Road.
 - Ms. Heisey completed the EAC survey on the current status and activities of our EAC.
 - Riparian Buffer Conservation proposal
 - Ms. Guerrero researched a proposal to remove the Spotted Lantern Fly host Trees of Heaven next to the Township Building by using a DCNR Riparian Buffer Conservation Grant.
- **Reports/Updates on Ongoing Business**
 - **Burning yard waste**
 - Ms. Guerrero’s Chapter 122 Burning Ordinance updates were unanimously approved by the EAC. Ms. Heisey will forward to the Township Manager for processing the next steps to approve the updated ordinance.
 - **Clean-ups**
 - Mr. Cram announced that PA Clean-Up is accepting applications for fall clean-up. The EAC will not pursue any clean-ups until 2021.
 - **Energy Planning**
 - Clean Energy Action Items, Tasks & Projects
 - Schuylkill Township- Action Items & Projects:
 - Energy (PECO Audit)
 - Mr. Meyers announced the PECO audit is on track. He would also like to gain more energy data to determine if liquid energy is possible.
 - Vehicles
 - Mr. Meyers would like more details regarding the township owned vehicles to determine if/when they could transition to more energy efficient vehicles.
 - Phoenixville Regional Area- Action Items & Projects
 - VPP (Vision Partnership Planning) Grant at county level

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- Mr. Meyers would like the EAC to support his interest in the grant. He will send the presentation for the EAC to review and discuss at next meeting.
 - PACEA (Phoenixville Area Clean Energy Alliance)
 - EAC voted unanimously that Mr. Meyers can attend the meeting on behalf of the EAC. Ms. Guerette will advise if Mr. Meyers can represent the township at these seminars.
 - Mr. Meyers will attend the next Chester County Environmental Ad board, Aug2020, and report back.
- **Pickering Preserve**
 - Ms. Majewski mentioned that the evergreen trees on the property along Pothouse Road between the Stove Shop and the YMCA are dead and fallen during the recent storms. The Township Roadmaster would like to remove the dead an diseased trees all at once instead of cleaning them up individually after the fall over.
 - Land maintenance schedule sub-team:
 - Meadow Mow Plan
 - Updated schedule is under review by the Township Manger and Township Roadmaster.
 - Y boundary
 - Mr. Cram suggested to add “no motor vehicle” signs to the preserve since he has seen driving through the property.
 - Interpretive signs cases
 - Ms. Majewski announced the interpretative cases are \$732/case plus shipping. The EAC unanimously voted that Ms. Heisey will recommend to the BOS to purchase two cases for Pickering Preserve and use funds from the EAC 2020 budget. Ms. Heisey suggested two locations. One case at the park entry parking lot and the other near the bench since it is next to the Kestrel box and oversees most of the preserve.
 - Tree stand
 - Ms. Heisey reviewed the BOS request to determine if the EAC agrees to continue to allow hunting on the preserve. Ms. Harbison will forward the Suburban Archers annual hunting report to the EAC for review. Ms. Harbison mentioned that the current tree stand is not Suburban Archers, and they already remove any hunting stands from the property previously. The one tree stand in question was left since removing it would cause more damage to the tree and possibly kill it. Suburban archers is willing to walk the property with the EAC to review any EAC recommended corrections to the property caused by hunters.
- **Spotted Lantern Fly**
 - Ms. Guerrero is waiting to meet with the EAC BOS representative to discuss her proposal to remove the Trees of Heaven (Spotted Lantern host tree).
- **Storm Water Management**
 - No updates
- **Trash Collection**
 - Mr. Roscoe will reach out to the Township HOA for their input about trach collection and their level of interest if the township were to only have one collection service for all residents.
- **Treasurer’s report**
 - No updates.

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- **Tree Ordinance**
 - Mr. Guerette still accepting comments. It is still under review by the planning commission.
- **Valley Park**
 - Interpretive signs committee report
 - Mr. Heisey emailed the list of proposed signage for EAC review. Ms. Majewski has a volunteer who will combine the EAC signage details into a format for each of the sign cases.
 - Boundary survey report
 - Ms. Majewski would like to include natural trails in the park. Ms. Heisey, Ms. Garg and Ms. Guerrero will volunteer to propose the trail path and boundaries.
- **Developments**
 - **Eagles Pointe at Sedgley Farms (Reeves property)**
 - No updates.
 - **Proposed WaWa**
 - No updates.
- **New / Other Business**
 - Next EAC meeting August 25, 2020