

**East Vincent Township**  
**Environmental Advisory Council Meeting**  
**August 9, 2023, 7:00 PM**

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Elaine Milito opened the meeting at 7:01PM. In attendance were Chris Orzechowski, Molly Wagle, Chris Canale, and Michele Adams. Also in attendance was Township Manager, Robert A. Zienkowski. There was 1 guest.

1. Meeting minutes from June 21, 2023 were shared. There was a motion to approve the minutes.

Moved: E. Milito

Second: C. Canale

Vote: Unanimous

2. Old Business

- A. Northern Chester County Clean Energy Futures

- i. West Vincent Township draft shared with interim manager
- ii. There is additional grant money that we could apply for Clean Energy Transition Plan (CETP)
- iii. Discussion on if it is best to first go the route of passing a RE100 (Ready for 100) resolution, or jump into a CAP or CETP
- iv. Action Item: Molly to reach out within the NCC-EAC who else would like to go in a grant
- v. Local grant writing firms typically costs 2 – 3% of the grant; EAC members can interview some grant firms. Those firms don't get paid if you don't get the grant.
  - Action Item: Chris C. to write a letter to the BOS that we want to look into grant writers

- B. Website Draft

- i. The EAC had a website planned to launch on May 21 and it hasn't launched yet. The EAC would like to be able to communicate with the person who is doing the website.
- ii. The EAC has a lot of material to be put onto the EAC webpage, and it has been outstanding
- iii. None of the minutes or agendas have been posted to either the EAC or the Historical Society
- iv. Action Item: Bob to look into how the EAC can get information onto the website

- C. NCC-EAC (Northern Chester County Environmental Advisory Councils) meeting held Saturday, July 22

- i. EVT EAC presented on the pollinator garden

- ii. East Pikeland, West Pikeland, Schuylkill, West Vincent Township, completed energy transition plans. Begun initial municipal tasks, outreach, PECO energy audits, more grants are available
    - Action Item: Robert to reach out to PECO contact
      - a. If we do any event, bring PECO financing options (cheaper than the bank)
  - iii. Other townships have a standing agenda item for a presentation to the other commissions/ councils
    - Chris O. will keep the planning commission in the loop at the meeting
- D. Part 14 in the Zoning Ordinance “Cultural Resource Conservation”
- i. The goal is to have stronger ordinances
  - ii. Agree for the EAC the review an ordinance offline, so that each member provides input on a shared document (no decisions or direction made) so that all input is compiled, then reviewed in the EAC public meeting and approved for recommendations.
  - iii. Action Item: Elaine to send ordinance in Word. Molly to put it in Google Docs. EAC members to review the ordinance and provide input.

### 3. New Business

- i. Stormwater discussion
  - Residents have concerns about stormwater along Stony Run and French Creek
  - Existing stormwater management ordinance for the individual is very strict. The change needs to occur for developers to ensure the developers install and pay for effective stormwater management systems.
  - Action item: all EAC members to review the stormwater ordinance
  - Recommendation to bring in professionals to review specific projects, in this case, have a stormwater expert consulted for these projects

### 4. Open Discussion/Public Comment:

#### A. Community Day – September 16

- i. Info on the pollinator garden (sheets created already for the planting day)
- ii. Molly to bring info from the Clean Energy Initiatives
- iii. Recommendation if there are even 1 or 2 nice trees, and have a raffle for it

#### B. Pollinator Garden

- i. Action Item: Bob to ensure that Public Works doesn’t touch the pollinator garden
- ii. Recommend applying a grant for a firm to create a maintenance plan and execute upon the maintenance plan (may be applicable for the riparian buffer at the park as well)

#### C. Waivers have a benefit. Recommend having a criteria for the waivers, and makes sense for EAC to work on any criteria for the waivers.

- i. Action Item: Chris to email Bob to talk to BOS on this topic.

D. Historical Commission has a speaker, Robert Price, at the Park on Ridge Pavilion on August 19 at 7pm

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: E. Milito

Second: C. Canale

Vote: Unanimous