

East Vincent Township
Environmental Advisory Council Meeting
September 21, 2022, 6:30 PM

The meeting commenced at 6:30PM. In attendance were Chris Orzechowski, Elaine Milito, Chris Canale, and Molly Wagle. Also in attendance was Township Manager, Catherine Ricardo. There were no guests.

1. Elaine Milito was selected as the township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) chair.

Moved: C. Orzechowski Second: M. Wagle Vote: Unanimous

2. Molly Wagle was selected as the EAC secretary.

Moved: E. Milito Second: C. Orzechowski Vote: Unanimous

3. Storm Water Ordinance

- A. Document is out for public comment and is up for approval at October supervisors meeting. Most language in ordinance had to be carried directly through from the DEP. Where options were possible, the township took the more restrictive approach to mitigate further degradation from the township streams and storm water runoff.
- B. The draft ordinance is located on the township website under Ongoing Projects.

4. Community Day

- A. Great success for the EAC. The EAC gave out pin oak trees (1 per township household), and residents were able to identify what watershed they live in on a map. Many residents expressed interest in what the EAC will be doing and provided recommendations such as electronic waste recycling, open space, and native plants.

5. Upcoming Events

- A. Northern Chester County EAC Meeting
 - i. C. Canale to attend meeting at Welkinweir on Saturday, Sept 24 at 8:30am.
 - ii. E. Milito to send C. Canale meeting info and to send the Northern Chester County EAC email list to all EAC members.

6. Brainstorm on initiatives

- A. A brainstorm was held on possible initiatives for EAC to take on. EAC to create a mapping of possible initiatives by resource (cost, effort) vs. time to implement in next meeting. Ideas raised were
 - i. Runoff management
 - ii. Public Education
 1. Opportunity to collaborate with school district
 2. Pollutant Reduction Plan
 - a. Further education on streams/watersheds/siltation
 - i. Support farmers with education on mineral management
 3. Native plants education

4. Invasive plant removal
5. Health co-benefits of healthy environments
- iii. Electronic waste recycling
 1. C. Canale to reach out to new AJ Blosinki buyer to see if interest in e-waste recycling
 2. E4 is the market leader in this area for e-waste recycling. Would want to team up with other municipalities for such an event
- iv. Adopt a highway
- v. Newsletter article communication
 1. Hard copy distributes ~3x/yr; ideal for article
 2. Monthly e-newsletter; consider a 1 sentence update w/ a link to time sensitive info on EAC section of website
 3. EAC to develop 6 – 8 sentence content to be used in newsletters
- vi. Stream cleanup event; recommend coordinating with other EACs for boundary streams
- vii. Native plant swap
- viii. Earth Day events (many of the above could be initiatives for event)
- ix. Collection of leaf litter through township
 1. Evaluate grants offered by state for leaf collector
 2. Ideal to collect leaf litter after phase 1 & 2 of Independence Park is complete
 3. Similar to East Pikeland's compost effort; would fall under Public Works

7. Open Discussion/Public Comment: None

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Moved: E. Milito

Second: C. Canale

Vote: Unanimous