

**EAC MEETING MINUTES**

January 4, 2023

6:00 pm

1. Call to Order

The January 4, 2023 meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm with the following individuals in attendance. This meeting was held in person.

Jon West	Chair
Joanne Walker	Secretary
Scott McCartney	Member
Tom Alvarez	Associate Member
Denise Hull	Commissioner
Martha Simelaro	Commissioner
Megan Weaver	Assistant Township Manager
Deanna Logan	Administrative Assistant

Martha Simelaro was absent.

Present from the public, Dennis Wendt of 886 Fulton Avenue and Sherry Chen.

2. Minutes of December 7, 2022

Upon motion of Mrs. Walker seconded by Mr. McCartney the meeting minutes of December 7, 2022 were approved unanimously.

3. Old Business**a. Initiatives**

- i. Environmental Education/Outreach
 - PECO Energy Audit

The 2022 audit had 18 people request the code but only 6 used the code resulting in an invoice of \$294.00. Mrs. Walker had the audit which took about 30 minutes. The PECO rep replaced several LED bulbs for her at no charge and produced a full energy report within 30 minutes.

Mr. McCartney will head the energy event on Saturday, March 25, 2023 Event from 10 am – 12 pm. Advertisement methods will be finalized in February.

ii. Renewable Energy, Resiliency and Sustainability Task Force

It was suggested that Bill Sabie from Ready for 100 come to speak at a future meeting. The committee discussed inviting members of the Planning Commission. We will explore having this guest speaker at the February Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 pm. Ms. Weaver will discuss with Mr. Rieker to see if this is feasible for the February 8 PC meeting and Mr. West will come to the January PC meeting to pitch this to the PC. Ms. Chen will send Mr. West some bullet points.

Mr. McCartney said the Task Force is looking to set new goals for 2023. Ms. Chen asked when we will be updating additional ordinances. Ms. Weaver said it is best to do just one at a time before moving forward with another. The first step is to have a recommendation for the board to consider.

iii. Natural Resources and Open Space

Mr. West said there was a significant amount of water coming from the pool outlet which flooded the entrance for the Green Ribbon Trail. Ms. Weaver will check with Nor Gwyn Pool for more information.

iv. Arbor Day

Tree Give Away – 9 am – 12 pm on Saturday, April 29th

Mr. Alvarez ordered 200 trees, shrubs and bushes for resident give away. In the past, other townships capped the giveaway at 3 items per resident with no 2 of the same species. Mr. McCartney will reach out to Walt Psculkowski of Boy Scout Troop 152 about coming to the February meeting to discuss having the scouts help with some upcoming events. Residents can reserve trees, etc. in advance. We will also give away bags of mulch if available. Mrs. Hull suggested we add this caveat; If trees, etc. are reserved in advance, residents must pick up by 11 am or the order will be released to the public. Ms. Chen said the North Penn High School ENACT Club may also be available to help with the event. Mr. West suggested that if there are trees left over, the boy scouts can schedule a tree planting event.

At the next meeting, we will finalize advertising – lawn signs, social media, website, flyers, etc.

b. Tree City ordinance

- PRC to review in January

This will be a carryover from the December PRC meeting.

c. Pesticide/herbicide use in public spaces Memo

- Review of comments

Mr. McCartney will compile the comments and submit for the February meeting.

d. Regional Plastic Bag Ban

- Survey

150 residents, but 0 businesses have taken the survey. There was a list of businesses distributed to solicit the survey to these businesses. The goal is to solicit the businesses prior to the February meeting.

4. New Business

a. Appointment of Co-chair and Secretary to EAC

Mr. McCartney is co-chair and Mrs. Walker is secretary.

b. 2 Vacancies

Ms. Weaver received 2 applications for the EAC.

5. Assistant Township Manager's Report

Ms. Weaver said the plans for 645 Sumneytown Pike (2-lot subdivision) and Moyer Blvd (10 twins) will be going before the Planning Commission on January 11.

6. Upcoming Workshops and Events

- Registration is open for the Virtual EAC event in February. Mr. West sent an email with information earlier today. Ms. Weaver will handle registration.
- Wissahickon Trails Meeting on January 26th
- Mrs. Walker said the grant application will be presented to the board at the Worksession Meeting on January 9th.

Mr. Wendt asked how he can help the EAC. He will look into applying and will submit his information to help with events.

7. Adjournment

Mrs. Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr., McCartney and adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Next Meeting February 1, 2023 @ 6 pm

Minutes were approved on February 1, 2023