

**EAC MEETING MINUTES**

June 7, 2023

6:00 pm

1. Call to Order

The June 7, 2023 meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm with the following individuals in attendance. This meeting was held in person.

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

Also present was Mark Smith who will be appointed to the EAC on June 20th

Commissioner Martha Simelaro was absent.

Rebecca Moodie, George Tataris, and Emily Arnold were present from the public

2. Minutes of May 3, 2023

Upon motion of Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mr. McCartney, the meeting minutes of May 3, 2023 were approved unanimously.

The committee agreed to cancel the July 5, 2023 meeting with a motion by Mrs. Walker, and a second by Ms. Chen and unanimously approved.

3. Old Business

a. Initiatives

i. Environmental Education/Outreach

- Rain Barrel Workshop

The rain barrel workshop will take place on June 15th with the rain barrels costing \$35 for residents. Currently, 12 barrels have been reserved.

- Composting and Zero Waste Workshops
 - September 27 – for composting
 - October 18th Tentative for zero waste workshop

After a brief discussion, the committee decided to host the two workshops on different days so it wouldn't be such a long seminar.

- EPA Info Session (NP Superfund 7 site)

Mrs. Walker reported that 2000 cubic yards (3000 tons) of contaminated soil is scheduled to be removed which will take approximately 150 trucks each way. She suggested telling the EPA the

Township needs the routes planned with timing and the Township expects decontamination of the trucks as well as tire cleaning and repairs. Video should be taken of the roads that will be used to haul the soil and ask if they will be providing signage and if they will impact any SEPTA routes. Any communication go to Mark Conaron of the EPA RPM at 215-814-3307 or conaron.mark@epa.gov. Mrs. Walker also suggested asking for copies of the schedule and work plans.

ii. Renewable Energy, Resiliency and Sustainability Task Force

Mr. McCartney reported the Task Force suggested we get an electric vehicle station at the Township Building and they will investigate getting grants and a cost estimate. Ms. Weaver said we opted in for a FHWA grant for one charging station at the Township Building. Mrs. Hull said we will be discussing this for the 2024 budget. Mr. Smith suggested installing two charging stations as it may be more cost efficient instead of just one. Ms. Weaver will send information about the program to the committee. Mr. McCartney asked if Public Works has thought about changing out their small motors on mowers, etc. to electric.

iii. Natural Resources and Open Space

- Haines Run Streambank Improvement Project

Mrs. Walker said the Committee met on May 11 for an introductory meeting. The project has to go through a 90 day review period before the bidding process can begin. The project will occur on Township owned property. Some trees (over 100) will be taken down, but most are already dead or dying. They talked about community meetings and made suggestions on their presentation boards.

The Upper Dublin EAC has proposed hosting a meeting of EAC's for an idea/information exchange. More information to come in the future.

- Parks and Recreation Master Plan Study

There are no new updates – this can be removed from future agendas

- PWC Municipal Grant Program

There are no new updates – this can be removed from future agendas

b. Tree City ordinance

Mr. West explained this ordinance will update the current landscape regulations to the Township code. It is currently under review with the MCPC. Ms. Weaver said we should have a draft at next meeting.

c. Pesticide/herbicide use

- Scheduled for the BOC on June 20th

Mr. McCartney will try to attend and present at the Board of Commissioners meeting to give an educational overview. The information will be distributed to residents via the website and social media.

d. Regional Plastic Waste Reduction Initiative

- Survey
- Information Session

This is an effort to reduce single use plastic bag waste. Several area municipalities have passed plastic bag bans. Montgomery Township is actively looking into “an available by request only” of straws and plastic bags.

The October 4th EAC Meeting will feature a presentation on plastic waste reduction. Faran Savitz from Penn Environment will attend and provide information. Logan Weld, attorney for Clean Air Council will also attend.

4. New Business

a. Welcome new member Mark Smith

Mr. Smith will be appointed at the June 20th Board of Commissioners meeting. He is a retired landscape contractor and arborist and has lived in the Township for the past 40 years.

b. Info for weekly Gazette

Mr. West sent information today about pollinator week.

Mr. Alvarez will provide information on bamboo and Mr. McCartney will send information on drought.

c. Budget Update – \$3100 has been spent out of the 2023 \$7000 budget.

Mrs. Walker suggested we come up with ideas prior to next meeting in August for the Fall Fest event.

5. Assistant Township Manager’s Report

Ms. Weaver said the Walters Group will present to the Planning Commission on June 14th for the TOD overlay text amendment at 1500 Pennbrook Parkway.

6. Upcoming Workshops and Events

Mumbauer Mill Open House on Sunday, June 11th at 1:00 pm

Tex Mex Race for Open Space on Wed. June 21st at 7pm.

7. Adjournment

Upon motion by Mr. McCartney and seconded by Ms. Chen, Mr. West adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday, August 2, 2023 in the Pavilion (no meeting in July)

Mr. McCartney will attend the June BOC meeting and Ms. Chen will attend the July BOC meeting.