

**EAC MEETING MINUTES**

August 2, 2023

6:00 pm

1. Call to Order

The August 2, 2023 meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm with the following individuals in attendance. This meeting was held in person.

Scott McCartney	Vice Chair
Joanne Walker	Secretary
Sherry Chen	Member
Tom Alvarez	Associate Member
Martha Simelaro	Commissioner
Megan Weaver	Assistant Township Manager
Deanna Logan	Administrative Assistant
Rafe Kuhls	Intern

Commissioner Denise Hull, Jon West and Mark Smith were absent.

Present from the public: David Valaro and Shane Dorward.

2. Minutes of June 7, 2023

Upon motion of Mr. McCartney, seconded by Mrs. Walker, the meeting minutes of June 7, 2023 were approved unanimously.

3. Old Business

a. Initiatives

i. Environmental Education/Outreach

- Composting Workshop – 9/27 6:30 pm

Mr. West is preparing a flyer for advertising to be posted on the website and social media. Cost of composting bin TBD by email.

- October 21 – Fall Fest 11 am

The Committee would like to purchase new educational materials that are interactive. Mrs. Walker said Whitpain Township has a good flyer that we can perhaps use parts of. We may need to order giveaways. The committee asked about having information on the Haines Run Project. We will see how far along we are in the process as it is changing during the review period.

Mr. McCartney and Mrs. Walker will take inventory to see what needs to be ordered.

- Zero Waste Workshop – 11/16 at 6:30 pm

No information- we will discuss at the next meeting.

- EPA Info Session (NP Superfund 7 site)

No new updates, but the EPA has been communicating with the Township Manager. Mr. McCartney explained this site is on Church Rd. (Teleflex area). The estimate is 150 trucks removing soil from the site. The Township will document the conditions of the roads prior to the work beginning. The project is expected to begin in the late summer/early fall.

ii. Renewable Energy, Resiliency and Sustainability Task Force

There are no updates. The Township applied for a grant for a single charging station at Parkside Place.

iii. Natural Resources and Open Space

- Haines Run Streambank Improvement Project

Mrs. Walker reported that two information sessions were held with residents. Both were well attended. Residents expressed concerns about the amount of trees being cut down. The stakeholder group will work with the EAC to minimize the amount of trees being removed. Mr. Smith wrote an email to discuss with the EAC for feedback. Mrs. Walker disagrees with Mr. Smith's email about raising the berm and feels the current plan is the safer way for the water to flow. Mr. Smith also feels they are removing too many trees. Mrs. Walker said this is on township property and the trees should be removed for liability purposes. Mr. Smith also expressed concerns about the Mumbauer Mill and the bridge. She feels the removal of the trees will not make a difference at the Mumbauer Mill. She went on to say the additional plantings will create more wetlands. Mr. McCartney agreed and said widening the channel is preferred over raising the berm. Mrs. Walker said the proposed work is more practical and said she doesn't think the proposed plan will affect the mill as the water will get there anyway. Ms. Weaver said the EAC should compile their comments about Haines Run and give them to her to send to the engineer. Mrs. Walker will send out an email for comments.

- Parks and Recreation Master Plan Study

Ms. Weaver said an RFP was put out and is due on August 18th.

- PWC Municipal Grant Program

Ms. Weaver said this grant is from the Perkiomen Watershed for \$5000 for the meadowization for Hartley Drive but the timing may not line up. She will discuss this with Mrs. Zadell. This is budgeted for a 2023 MS-4 project.

b. Tree City ordinance

Ms. Weaver said we currently have a draft ordinance, but she is waiting for information on Riparian Buffers from the MCPC and will send it when the information is received.

c. Regional Plastic Waste Reduction Initiative

- Information Session on October 4th (regular EAC meeting time)

This meeting will be held in the Main Meeting Room. Municipalities in the North Penn area will be invited to discuss this initiative. The Committee will follow up with Mr. West to discuss who to invite from the area.

4. Land Development
 - a. 825 Morris Road

Ms. Chen received comments from Mr. West and sent them to the committee today. No one had any further comments. The comments will go to the developer.

A motion to submit comments to the commissioners about 825 Morris Road was made by Ms. Chen and seconded by Mrs. Walker. The motion was unanimously approved.

- b. 212 Church Road

No comments have been compiled as there wasn't anything to comment on. Mrs. Walker will send a review letter saying we have no comments.

- c. Wawa – Valley Forge Rd. & Sumneytown Pk.

Mrs. Walker read several comments that have been compiled for the Wawa plan. She will send a memo with all compiled comments.

A motion to submit comments to the commissioners about Wawa at Valley Forge Rd. and Sumneytown Pk. was made by Mrs. Walker and seconded by Ms. Chen. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. New Business
 - a. Info for weekly Gazette

Mr. McCartney will send an article regarding lawn drought for the Gazette.

- b. Budget Update

\$3100.23 has been spent so far out of a \$7000 budget. The committee discussed having a meeting to discuss the 2024 budget and Haines Run on their own. Mrs. Walker will send last year's budget to Ms. Chen to review.

6. Assistant Township Manager's Report

Ms. Weaver said the BOC approved the tote for the E-recycling waste. She will advertise this service on the website and social media. She is having difficulty getting the E-recycle event scheduled for this year. We may have to look at spring dates for next year.

7. Upcoming Workshops and Events

Mumbower Mill has an open house on 8/13

EAC event on October 21 at WCU but that is Fall Fest at UGT.

8. Adjournment

Upon motion by Mrs. Walker and seconded by Ms. Chen, Mr. McCartney adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday, September 6, 2023 @ 6 pm