

Minutes of the Lower Providence Environmental Advisory Council October 16, 2023

0. Richard Pastor, Laura Winslow, Erin McCool, Amber Minnick, John Zollers, Gary Neights, Madison Roeger in attendance

1. Mr. Pastor made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September meeting, Ms. Winslow seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

2. Old Business

a. Subcommittee reports

1. Aiden Lee introduced himself as a candidate for student representative to the Council. Ms. McCool advised on procedures for joining EAC. Mr. Lee mentioned global climate change as a concern and Methacton Environmental Club. Social fundraisers are a thing with high school kids these days – for example, use 4th of July fireworks @ Eagleville Park to collect funding.

Ms. McCool noted there is a new Assistant Township Manager Paul Donnelly who will introduce himself at the November meeting.

2. N/A

3. Mr. Zollers introduced Journey Work concept and suggested asking her to come and introduce concept.

- Gary Neights brought up putting together list of small pedestrian connectivity projects like 5th Street to Mt. Kirk Avenue and Wedgewood to Egypt Road. Ms. McCool mentioned sidewalks on Level Road. Ms. Winslow mentioned green bridge through A-frame house and connections through the FEMA properties. Mr. Neights to have a meeting with Township manager to discuss the logistics of the FEMA properties.

4. Mr. Pastor introduced most recent modifications to the Sustainability Resolution.

b. We received the bird town signs and certificate. Committee is looking into applying for \$500 grant for educational materials. Bird Town summit is coming up on October 26. Committee members have attended Bird Town training sessions. Ms. McCool mentioned greater integration with Bird Town (cross-attendance, planning for the year in January, etc). Ms. Winslow mentioned Lights Out as a project we can take part in. Fritted [sp?] glass for new / rehabbed township building? Night-sky friendly lighting?

c. Targeting Nov 6 for sewage treatment plant tour – Ms. McCool and Ms. Winslow to take a poll.

d. Ms. Winslow discussed methods to transition smoothly to elimination of plastic bags, including:

- Don't transition at holidays

- Make sure low income and senior residents are ready to go.

Mr. Pastor suggested corporate sponsorship of reusable bags. Ms. McCool suggested we should take a broader look at single-use plastic. Who are the stakeholder groups and what else do we have to think about? Daily Bread, St. James Episcopal...what is our message, how do we reach out?

3. New Business – None

4. No comments

5. Maggie Woodward – recommends washable cloth bags for longevity and using social media to push out things that have been accomplished. Looking into speakers for library. Mentioned problem with lighting at Redtail Park blinding drivers coming down Eagleville Road.

Julia Nakhleh – asked about Visitation Road trail, and asked how sewer plant handles PFAS.

Ms. Roeger mentioned EAC “cards” (similar to those given out at the Fall Festival) and other ways to “advertise” the EAC within the township.

Emma Schaefer interested in becoming student rep. To return next month for introductions?

6. Ms. Winslow motioned, Mr. Pastor seconded, 5-0