**Plymouth EAB –July Meeting**

Start 7pm July 16th 2019

In attendance, Bill, Mike V, Mike C, Debbie, Karen, Rick

Residence in Attendance: Andrew

1.) Minutes for June 2019 approved by Mike V and Debbie

2.) Covanta Update - discussed the occurrence of another malfunction with bad smell on Sun July 14th. Covanta is required to self-report to DEP. How does anyone know what is being reported is accurate? Plymouth Council has suggested to hire an Environmental Engineer and attorney to advocate for Plymouth & advise what the Township can do.

EAB motioned to Council to have the DEP report made public.

3.) Rick has asked Council to write a Thank you note to Madeline Dean for supporting the Carbon Fee & Dividend -Federal Bill HR 763. Mike C still wishes to ask speaker who was at June’s EAB meeting about the credentials for the persons who did the research.

4.) Ready for 10o Montco - updates on other townships coming up for vote. Conshohocken and Abington adopted resolutions in June. The MontCo RF100 volunteers hosted a Clean Energy Conference on June 29th – 70 attendees representing 17 municipalities. There were 10 communities presented with certificates for passing the Resolution. The EAB will present the certificate to Township Council at their next meeting the 2nd Mon of Sept – Sept 9th at 7pm. Next steps for communities that have passed the Resolution is getting a Transition plan. A Transition planning task force that has started the collaboration between the communities. There was a suggestion to reach out to Villanova’s Sustainable Engineering department to see if any college student could assist with the project as their capstone.

5.) Sustainability Film Series – Plans to move the films to the Community Center & reschedule them for the fall. Proposed dates that need to be mentioned in the next Township newsletter:

“Trashed” – dates to be confirmed for 9/19 or 9/26

“Eating Animals” – dates to be confirmed fro 10/3 or 10/10

“Catching the Sun” – William Jeannes Library – Date TBD.

Discussed to re-run the films in the spring.

6.) Planting new trees – There was a donation given to the township to plant trees. EAB would like to join the Shade Tree group under the Parks & Recreation group to plant trees in Oct/Nov. Date TBD.

7.) Spotted Lanternfly – Alan Wood Park. Rick has received 2 calls from residents already. Rick has a call into Dept of Agriculture PSU Cooperative Extension to have person come to Plymouth to educate residents. They have one person who does seminars & she is overbooked.

8.) EAB Facebook page – Len/IT Director just hired a person. Let’s continue to push for this.

9.) Plastics Ban – PA ban on municipalities from putting bans on single-use plastic bags.

10.) Updates from Rick – Plymouth Comprehensive Plan – to be ready by end of the year. Parks & Rec plan – to have something to Council by Sept. The 2040 Comprehensive Plan isn’t done yet.

Second project: Awarded bid for Harriet Wetherill Park – exterior improvement project. The bids are out for Community Center roof replacement.

Motion for adjourn. Meeting ended 8:30 pm