

Plymouth Environmental Advisory Board

January 21, 2020

Start time 7pm

Attendance: Bill, Mike C, Mike V, Debbie, Andrew, Agam, & Rick Carbo

Guests: Matt Peterson, Mohamed Abaas, Jessica Vairo, & Karl from– Sustainable Engineering Villanova University

1.) Pledge of Allegiance

2.) Approval of Dec Minutes -by Mike V, 2nd by Andrew

3) Reorganization of EAB: Chairperson: Bill Sabey, Vice-Chair: Mike V, Secretary: Debbie. Motion by Mike C, 2nd by Agam.

4.) Villanova Fall Semester Project – Another review of the Assessment of the Municipal’s electricity usage, a review of adding rooftop solar to GPCC as well as other Renewable Energy alternatives. The team has a Recommended Phased Approach for electricity transition. The Villanova fall project was to be presented Plymouth Council meeting on 2/3/2020, but moved to 3/2/2020.

5.) Requests submitted to Council – (a) EAB submitted request on Jan 30th to Council members to assist in forming a task force of Plymouth volunteers to work on composing and completing the Energy Transition Plan. The EAB asked each Council member to solicit and nominate three or more individuals to participate in the task force. The Energy Transition Plan is due Earth day 2020. This is put on hold for now. (b) EAB submitted request to Council to set up a Zero Waste task force to help evaluate and propose practices to reduce waste and increase recycling in the township. This request was approved by Council.

6.) Covanta update – The EAB has invited Mike Ewall to February’s EAB meeting so the team can get a better understanding of the +/- of incineration vs landfill, info about a Zero waste initiative, and about a Clean Air ordinance. Mike is the founder and director of Energy Justice Network, a national support network for grassroots community groups fighting dirty energy & waste industry facilities such as coal power plants, ethanol plants, natural gas facilities, landfills, and incinerators.

7.) Nuisance of Second Hand smoke – The EAB was asked to thoroughly read the document presented on the nuisance of second-hand smoke in townhomes, condos, and apartments and review examples of other jurisdictions that have banned cigarette smoking in these areas. EAB asked to consider supporting a new Ordinance to ban smoking in townhomes, condos, & apartments in the Township.

8.) Announcements from Rick – PECO Lease Agreement – License agreement on Township Line Road. Unrestricted access from Township Line Road to Germantown Pike for the Trail.

9.) Other – Penn Environment has a survey regarding plastics. EAB member mentioned trying to get someone to come to speak to us about hydrogen.

Next Meeting: Tues, Feb 18th at 7pm.

Motion to Adjournment by Mike C, Seconded by Mike V.\
Meeting ended 9:30 pm.