

**Plymouth Environmental Advisory Board**

**April 20, 2021**

**Start time 7:00 pm via Zoom**

Attendance: Bill, Debbie, Andrew, Eunice, Mike C

Absent members: Carolyn and Agam

Also absent: Rick Carbo (Buildings & Grounds Director) and Karen Bramblett (Township Council)

**1.) Pledge of Allegiance**

**2.) March 2021 Minutes** – Needed some edits; to be approved at May meeting.

**3) Tree Planting** – Scheduled for Sat, April 24 at 9am at Colwell Park, 1340 Hillcrest Road - just in time for Earth Day. Rick will provide tools, but asked to bring shovel, gloves if you can. There are 10 trees to be planted. Planning to participate: Debbie, Bill, Andrew, Mike C, Eunice and Karen Bramblett (Council). Bill going to extend invite to past EAB members for some extra help. We will be following state guidelines for social distancing & wearing masks.

**4) Spotted Lanternfly Webinar** – will be held on Thur, 4/22 at 6:30pm with presentation by Brandon McCracken, Master Watershed Steward with PSU Extension. It's being sponsored by Conshohocken EAC. Open to the public & all encouraged to attend.

**5) EAC Network Conference** – was held via Zoom on Sat 4/10. Andy, Bill & Debbie attended. Recorded sessions from the 4/20/2021 EAC Network Conference are now available on [WeConservePA's Vimeo channel](#). Enter password **EACNetwork2021** to [view the recordings](#).

Presentation PDFs and other handouts are available at [www.Conservationtools.org](http://www.Conservationtools.org) in the [Environmental Advisory Committee Library](#) under [EAC Network Conference Archive](#)

**6) Community Outreach, EAB/EAC Collaboration** – Initial discussion on collaboration on projects with Conshohocken Borough &/or Whitemarsh Township. Question came up if a cross-collaboration with other townships/boroughs would need to be publicly announced.

**7) Ready for 100 Plymouth –**

a) **Clean Energy Transition Planning program** – The ETP was presented at the Council workshop on Mon, April 5. There are 20 actions for the first year out of the 45 which are in the first five years, most of which the initial actions are more for detailed planning. The classes that Bill and Andy have been attending will continue through May 2021. Following presentation to Council, the next step would be to start community outreach and collaboration with nearby municipalities. Bill & Andy would like the EAB's feedback on the Energy Transition Action Plan. Hope to show this ETP on the township website to show the public what we are trying to achieve.

b) **Villanova Spring 2020 Project**– anticipate their presentation on the heat and transportation assessment conducted on Township to be conducted at Council’s Workshop on May 3rd. One takeaway: the police vehicles is the largest contributor to GHG besides the Community Center.

c) **PECO MyAccount training** – training still pending for Rick

8) **Recycling** discussion follow-up –

a) Covanta - EAB would like to hear what more may come out of Covanta with changes they are to implement and any changes to (re)newed contract. Covanta is supposed to award money to Plymouth, but Plymouth has to apply for that money. Suggestion raised if \$10k of that money could be earmarked for the PECO Green grant for trail expansion (Rick to follow-up).

b) Ideas for ways we can make suggestions to the public on ways to decrease trash.

c) TerraCycle – company in NJ that has “Loop” delivery of some sustainable product that you refill containers.

d) Weavers Way in Ambler uses TerraCycle to aid in trash reduction. The store also has a Plastics Reduction task force.

e) Someone asked if anyone knew if Giant (or other stores that collect single-use plastic bags) actually sends the bags somewhere to be recycled or what happens to them?

f) Suggestion for our EAB to sponsor an E-Waste Recycling/Shredding event

9) **Facebook** – continue to invite your friends and neighbors to follow/like.

10) **Announcements from Rick** –

a) Major focus on the remodel at the Township building. They are installing conduit out front for electronic sign for the township. There will be a junction box installed for future plan for Electric Vehicle charging stations. No mention for EV station for police once they move to EV vehicles.

b) Starting outdoor projects; some renovations at some park bathrooms. Concession stand done at East Valley Park although there are a few open items on punch list to get U&O.

c) 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Township Day – scheduled for Sat, June 12 from 10am – 2pm at the East Plymouth Valley Park. Scaled down version still due to Covid. There will be food trucks instead of concession stand.

Next Meeting: Tues, May 18th at 7pm - via Zoom

Meeting ended 8:38 pm. Motion to close: Andy; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike C.