

Plymouth Environmental Advisory Board

July 19, 2022

Start time 7:00 pm via Zoom

Attendance: Bill Sabey, Andy Katronick, Mike Cacciapalle, Ben Deatrich

Staff in Attendance: Lynne Viscio (Township Council)

Members Absent: Eunice Franklin-Becker, Carolyn Nickels

Staff Absent: Rick Carbo (Buildings & Grounds Director)

1.) Pledge of Allegiance

2.) Plastic Bag Ordinance Discussion – The single use plastics ordinance was presented to the Township Council. A second communication to residents was sent as an insert in the sewer bill. An article for the Township newsletter is being prepared by a communication consultant at the request of Council. Ben volunteered to draft a separate communication and survey intended to be sent to commercial businesses in the township. Andy volunteered to draft materials for a single-use plastics page on the Township website that will be used to provide support information to businesses like FAQs and lists of compliant bag vendors. "While dog waste collection bags will not fall under the single use plastics ordinance, the EAB will recommend that the bags made available by the Township in public parks be changed to biodegradable bags."

3.) Grant Funding Budget Request – The EAB will request grant funding from the Township to be included in the 2023 budget. For the PECO Green Region grant, \$10,000 will be requested from the Township for the purpose of a bike/walking trail study between GPCC and the Plymouth Meeting Mall (\$20,000 total with 50/50 match from PECO). For 2024, \$40,000 can be requested for the Montco 2040 grant to further trail development, install EV chargers, and for other initiatives the EAB may consider.

4.) June 2022 Minutes – Motion to approve: Bill, 2nd: Andy

Next Meeting: Tues, Aug 16, 2022 at 7pm – location TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. Motion to close: Andy; 2nd: Bill