

Plymouth Environmental Advisory Board

November 15, 2022

Start time 7:05 pm via Zoom

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

Members Absent: Eunice Franklin-Becker, Carolyn Nickels

Staff Present: Rick Carbo (Buildings & Grounds Director)

Staff Absent: Lynne Viscio (Township Council)

1.) Pledge of Allegiance

2.) Plastic Bag Ordinance Discussion – There was no update on the open items for sending communications to businesses and apartment buildings and future discussions with Council.

3.) Funding Proposals – No update on the EAB budget request submitted to the Township for 2023. The board discussed a dedicated open-space funding method. County planners have offered to present the advantages of dedicated open space funding as a joint presentation with the EAB and Council. Some plots of land would be advantageous for the Township to acquire to increase open spaces, and this funding method would help. Additional open space could provide for increased property values.

4.) Tree Planting – Scheduled for November 20, 2022, at 9:30 AM. Volunteers will plant six trees at Blackhorse Park. Looking to plant more at Bicentennial Park in December.

5.) Recycling – The board discussed pizza box recycling and how pizza chains are telling customers that pizza boxes are recyclable while recycling guidance from the Township says that they are not. It may depend on how soiled the boxes are. The board should look into the recycling requirements and issue revised guidance if needed to maximize the amount of recycled product.

6.) Township Update - Rick provided an update on the Township building construction and new inclusive playground at East Plymouth Valley Park. The geothermal system construction is in progress at the Township building.

Next Meeting: Tues, Dec 20, 2022 at 7pm – location Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm. Motion to close: Ben; 2nd: Andy