

Plymouth Environmental Advisory Board

February 15, 2022

Start time 7:03 pm via Zoom

Attendance: Bill Sabey, Andrew Katronick, Ben Deatrach, Mike Cacciapalle, Trish McArthur, Carolyn Nickels

Staff in Attendance: Karen Bramblett (Township Council), Lynne Viscio (Township Council)

Members Absent: Eunice Franklin-Becker

Staff Absent: Rick Carbo (Buildings & Grounds Director)

Guests in Attendance: Faran Savitz (PennEnvironment), Shari Donath (West Norriton EAC), Richard Cole (West Norriton EAC), Sue Royer, Ruth Chang

1.) Pledge of Allegiance

2.) December 2021 and January 2022 Minutes – Motion to approve: Ben; 2nd: Trish.

3.) Welcome and introduction of the new Council Liaison for the EAB: Lynne Viscio.

4.) Plastic Bag Ordinance Discussion – Faran Savitz from PennEnvironment spoke about the advantages of enacting an ordinance for eliminating the use of single-use plastic bags at retail establishments. Each board member asked questions related to the initiative and additional guidance was provided by Faran. Andy notes that generalizing the restriction to single-use plastics, it could also help limit the use of single-use plastic straws. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the board voted in favor to present a proposal to pursue a study to evaluate a potential ordinance to Township Council at the next Workshop Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022. Motion to go to Council: Bill, 2nd: Andy.

4.) Tree Planting – Township ordered 20 trees to plant on April 23rd. EAB will help find volunteers by sharing with neighbors and on Facebook.

Next Meeting: Tues, Mar 15, 2022 at 7pm – location TBD

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm. Motion to close: Andy; 2nd: Mike