

Plymouth Environmental Advisory Board

January 18, 2022

Start time 7:05 pm via Zoom

Attendance: Bill, Andrew, Ben, Michael, Patricia, Eunice

Staff in Attendance: Karen Bramblett (Township Council)

Members Absent: Carolyn

Staff Absent: Rick Carbo (Buildings & Grounds Director)

Guests in Attendance: Andrew Conboy and Karen Kabnick (both on behalf of Colonial Canopy Trees)

1.) Pledge of Allegiance

2.) Welcome and introduction of new EAB member: Trish McArthur

3.) Reorganization of EAB: Nomination for Bill as Chair, Andrew as Vice-Chair, Ben as Secretary. 2nd by Mike.

4.) December 2021 Minutes – Bill will make corrections suggested by Ben.

5.) Guests: Andrew Conboy and Karen Kabnick from Colonial Canopy Trees made a proposal to the Township for an upcoming bare root tree order through the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) tree tender program. Colonial Canopy Trees will help with purchasing the trees and organizing events to plant them. Orders are due by February 10th. Need to be planted the weekend of April 23rd. They are looking for direction from the Township on how many trees to order and where the trees will be planted. The Township has participated in this program before. Bill will follow up with Rick Carbo who was not present about the tree purchase and about coordination with talk to Parks and Recreation and Shade Tree Advisory Boards. The EAB can assist with finding volunteers for the planting events.

6.) 2022 Potential topics – The following potential topics were discussed. It was noted that the EAB would be most effective if we focused on two or three main goals and set up very specific action steps on how they will be achieved. We will continue to discuss these topics in 2022

- Plastic bag ban – Bill to contact Penn Environment for future meeting
- Trail development
- Community education
- Community survey
- Community outreach for energy transition planning
- Municipal Energy Transition Plan
- Tree planting
- Zero Waste
- Covanta
- Montco 2040 and PECO Green Region grants (Look towards 2023)

- Township Day - first Sat in June

6.) **Other Topics** – Potential Facebook post for “Spotted Lantern Fly Fact vs. Fiction.” Bill shared information about waste coal emissions subsidy loophole and cryptocurrency mining in PA. The EAC Network Conference will occur on February 26, 2022 (<https://weconservepa.org/event/eac-network-conference-2022/>).

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm. Motion to close: Mike; 2nd by Ben