

**EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 25, 2021

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Eugene Briggs. Environmental Advisory Council members in attendance were Kathryn Goddard Doms, Gary Ellis, Heather Hill, Cara Rash, and Radha Pyati. Also attending were Michael Wacey, Supervisor Liaison; Betsy Fadem, Supervisor; and Eugene Briggs, AICP, CZO, Township Manager.

Nominations and Elections of 2021 Officer Positions

- a. Chairperson – Cara Lynch was nominated for chairperson with a motion and second. Motion carried 5-0.
- b. Vice-Chairperson – Gary Ellis was nominated for vice-chairperson with a motion and second. Motion carried 5-0.
- c. Secretary – Radha Pyati was nominated for secretary with a motion and second. Motion carried 5-0.

Consideration of February 25, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The February 25 minutes were approved with a motion and second. Motion carried 5-0.

Define a Charter for the Environmental Advisory Council.

The draft charter circulated by Gary Ellis was moved and seconded for approval. Discussion ensued. The motion carried 5-0.

Establish the Environmental Advisory Council Rules and Regulations

The draft rules and regulations document circulated by Gary Ellis was moved and seconded for approval. Discussion ensued. Friendly amendments were made to revise the draft. The motion carried 5-0.

Develop Goals and Projects for 2021

Chairperson Rash opened a discussion of potential goals and projects for 2021. Several ideas emerged.

Short-term projects:

- A recycling program for plastic materials that are converted to TREX composite decking, involving placing collection bins in public locations, or Township property. The material is picked up and transported to a central location near Wegmans in Malvern. Tredyffrin EAC is doing a similar project. Chairperson Rash will bring more information to the next meeting.
- Building communication and education about the EAC and environmental issues through social media, print, and meetings. Specific venues include the In Community magazine and the Township Facebook page. Ms. Goddard Doms will draft a short article on watershed boundaries. The Council expressed interest in sharing the Republic recycling do's-and-don'ts with the community and having listening sessions with residents. Mr. Briggs will add the Easttown EAC to the EAC list-serv for Pennsylvania.

Medium-term projects:

- Stream cleanup. This will be taken up later in the year, after the Supervisors consider when to reopen the parks.

- MS4, rain gardens, and other projects to reduce pollutant and sediment runoff and protect riparian watercourses.
- Updating the 1993 Recreation and Natural Resources Plan. This can be discussed in Fall 2021 with a plan for proceeding in 2022.
- Sustainable Storefronts. While single-use plastics cannot be banned, the Council can work with businesses to participate. West Chester has had acceptance in its business community. Stacey Ballard was recommended as a contact person.
- Tree-planting program or native-plant distribution.
- Curbside composting.
- Workshops at the Easttown Library on environmental topics such as riparian buffers and native plants.
- Invasive plant removal.

Other Business

Liaisons to other Township bodies were elected. With a motion and a second, Gary Ellis was elected as liaison to the Planning Commission and Kathryn Goddard Doms was elected as liaison to the Parks & Recreation Board.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Radha Pyati
Secretary, Easttown EAC