

**Abington Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2019**

Call to Order: 7:32 pm

Attendees:

Members: Cakky Evans (CE), Michele Kaczalek (MK), Sue Myerov (SM), Andrea Soo (AS), John Sorrentino (JSo), Jim Webb (JW)

Associate Members: Dave Bell (DB), Neal Gale (NG), Jennifer Sherwood (JSh), Kurt Wood (KW)

Others Present: Denis Fimov (ASHS student), Massin Larbi (ASHS student), Aidan Scharnikow (ASHS student)

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the November 2019 meeting were approved.
2. **Reports:**
 - A. Chairperson's Report – Approved
 - B. Treasurer's Report – No changes
3. **Amendments to the Agenda** – No changes
4. **New Business:**
 - A. **Strategic Planning** – JW provided a summary of EAC priorities for 2020 based on input from all members and will assign leaders for each focus area. Priorities included Rf100, Comprehensive Plan (CP) updates, stormwater management programs, development plan review, and advocacy of green infrastructure and regional/state-wide environmental issues. ASHS students present during the meeting offered to support.
 - B. **By-Law Discussion:** JW will request input from Township Manager, R. Manfredi, on the proposed revision to the EAC by-laws regarding the routine succession of the EAC Chair position before it is voted on in our January 2020 meeting.
 - C. **Officer Elections:** EAC passed a motion to renew officer positions for J W (Chair), MK (Treasurer), and AS (Secretary). The Vice Chair position will be discussed in our January 2020 meeting.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. Policy – No report
 - B. Programs – Approved
 - C. Engagement – Approved
6. **Active Business**
 - A. **Sustainable Abington/USGBC LEED for Cities Program:** EAC approved a motion to do a 20% match or contribute \$600 to support EAC Associate Member, Joel Schilling, with his PADEP Environmental Educational Grant to expand the outreach and effectiveness of [MakeBenProud](#) (MBP) whose mission is to educate residents on renewable energy options.
 - B. **Comprehensive Plan Updates:** NG and JSh provided summaries and feedback on the preliminary CP Public Workshops attended on 11/7 and 12/9, respectively. CE also informed EAC that the Township has provided a [Question/Comment Submission Form](#) on their website for the public to provide feedback at any time.
 - C. **Development Plan Reviews:** SM presented and discussed the proposed plans for the Baederwood Residential Properties development site.
 - D. **Energy Initiatives:**
 - CDP 2019 Cities Disclosure Questionnaire: Nothing to report.
 - Rf100 Resolution – NG is currently partnering with Cheltenham Township on a sustainable action plan. The RFP is still being developed.
 - E. **Rain Barrel program:** EAC agreed to maintain the current pricing of rain barrels.
 - F. **Abington-Jenkintown Connection Project:** No discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 09:50 pm

Next Meeting – January 8, 2020