

**Abington Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2020**

Call to Order: 7:31 pm

Attendees:

Members: Cakky Evans (CE), Karin McGarry-Rosen (KMR), Sue Myerov (SM), Andrea Soo (AS), John Sorrentino (JSo), Jim Webb (JW)

Associate Members: Neal Gale (NG), Jennifer Sherwood (JSh)

Others Present: Ashley McIlvaine (AM, AT Communications Manager), Lora (member of the public)

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the May 2020 meeting were approved.
2. **Amendments to the Agenda** – None
3. **Reports:**
 - A. Chairperson’s Report – Approved
 - B. Treasurer’s Report – Approved
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. Policy – Deferred approval to July 2020 meeting
 - B. Programs – Approved
 - C. Engagement – Approved
5. **Active Business**
 - A. **Sustainable Abington/[USGBC LEED for Cities Program](#):** Nothing to report.
 - B. **Comprehensive Plan Updates:** SM will report back on any pertinent discussion from the CP public meeting held yesterday (6/9).
 - C. **Development Plan Reviews:** Nothing to report, but the township has allowed construction to resume. Master Tree Plan under way; SM to engage in Master Tree Plan meetings starting next week.
 - D. **Energy Initiatives:**
 - CDP 2019 Cities Disclosure Questionnaire: CDP survey questionnaire is currently due at the end of August.
 - Rf100 Updates – A virtual meeting was held on 6/8 to discuss updated Energy Transition Plan and invite the township and others in the community for final comments.
 - E. **Rain Barrel program:** KMR noted that EAC sold 17 rain barrels and has at least 23 more orders placed. Key discussion points included:
 - First virtual RB workshop invitation was posted on our FB page today (6/10); registration required.
 - Logistics of virtual RB workshop; pre-recorded RB installation video is planned for the workshop.
 - Interactive map showing RB locations in the township will be available soon.
 - Need to identify a new RB build and staging area since the current location is needed for fire department/public works purposes.
 - F. **Montgomery Award Nominations:** EAC casted their votes and selected Pennoni Associates to receive the 2020 Montgomery Award in recognition of their work on the Edge Hill/Tyson Avenue project in partnership with STC and EAC. EAC will coordinate with BOC President John Spiegelman on how they will be recognized; virtually or during the next available in-person BOC meeting.
6. **New Business:**
 - A. **Township meetings** – AM noted that September 2020 may be the earliest that township meetings will be held in person.
 - B. **Climate Collaborative of Greater Philadelphia (CCGP) Citizens’ Comments** – CCGP resolution will be updated and shared with EAC, then sent to AM for discussion at next available Public Affairs meeting.
 - C. **Donations** – CE made a motion for EAC to support the Interfaith Food Cupboard by donating \$200; EAC voted to make the donation.
7. **Citizens’ Comments** – None to report.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next Meeting – July 8, 2020 ([virtual](#))

Acronym Key:

BOC – Board of Commissioners

CCGP - Climate Collaborative of Greater Philadelphia

CDP – Carbon Disclosure Project

CP – Comprehensive Plan

EAC – Environmental Advisory Council

FB – Facebook

GHG – Greenhouse gas emissions

LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

RB – Rain barrel

Rf100 – Ready for 100

USGBC – U.S. Green Building Council