

EAST MARLBOROUGH TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Meeting: March 17, 2021

Call to Order. 8:07 a.m. start. Meeting held via online video conference. All seven EAC members present: Andy Jenkins, Cuyler Walker, Gloria Michener, Joe Perse, Josh Farkas, Rob Daniels, and Tim Cahill. Board of Supervisors present: Robert McKinstry and Eric Matuszak. Township Manager present: Neil Lovekin. Also present for part of meeting: Jeff Simpson - Township Public Works Director.

Review/Approve Minutes. Minutes of the November 2021 meeting approved. (Note: No EAC meetings were held in December, January, or February.)

Topic: Stroud Water Research Center (Stroud) – Riparian Buffers on Township Property. Mr. Walker and Mr. Simpson described the riparian buffer project. Stroud is planning to make improvements along streams located on the Walker property, next to two Township properties. One Township property is the spray irrigation field at Byrd Road, and the other is the sewage treatment plant at Wollaston Road. The improvements include planting trees within 100 feet of the streams. The streams are on the Walker property, and the 100-foot buffers would extend onto Township property. The proposal is to plant trees on the Township properties in the buffer zone at no cost to the Township. The project will be paid for by Stroud. The trees on the Byrd Road property will be planted with a clearing to allow access to a groundwater monitoring well. The EAC discussed the project.

Motion made: Recommend to Board of Supervisors to approve the plan.

Vote in favor: 6 of 7 members.

Abstain: Walker

Motion passed.

Topic: Regional Trail Commission Update. Mr. Daniels is the designated Township representative to the Regional Trail Commission, and he presented an update. The trail region includes East Marlborough Twp, Kennett Twp, New Garden Twp, and the Borough of Kennett Square. A drawing was presented showing existing and possible trail connections. The EAC discussed the project, which is on-going.

Topic: Energy Transition Plan – Draft Status. Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Matuszak are the designated Township representatives to a clean energy planning group simultaneously working with multiple municipalities in southeastern PA. The first draft of an Energy Transition Plan prepared for the Township by Jenkins and Matuszak is nearing completion for review by the EAC. Three draft flyers from the Plan were reviewed that address municipal operations, the community, and planning ahead.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Next meeting: The EAC meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The next meeting will be on April 21, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Jenkins, Secretary

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