



CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020

Members Present

Ryan Baptiste
John Burglund
Tim Casey
Michael Dimonte
Anne Gill
Fred Peterson
Honora Rockar
Zachary Sanctis
Ed Sarver
Erma Scarfutti

Staff Present

Nancy Auer , Recording Secretary
Pete Geis - Director, Parks & Recreation
Ron Henshaw - Director, Planning & Development Services
Lucas Martsolf - Assistant Township Manager, Operations
Gregory Wharton , Planning and Development Specialist

Call to Order

1. Salute to the Flag

Anne Gill called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

All members were present except Allison Smith, who was absent.

Minutes

3. Minutes - November 11, 2020

VOTING

Motion by: Dimonte, Michael
Second by: Peterson, Fred

Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Ryan Baptiste	X			
John Burglund	X			
Tim Casey	X			
Michael Dimonte	X			
Anne Gill	X			
Fred Peterson	X			
Honora Rockar	X			
Zachary Sanctis	X			
Ed Sarver	X			
Erma Scarfutti	X			

Public Comment (Any item not on the Agenda)

Old Business

4. EAC SharePoint Site

Ron advised the site is up and running and asked if there were any issues from any members. Ed Sarver asked if there could be a task/deadline section added to the site. Ron advised that this was not possible at this time, but it may be in the future. Tim Casey will provide information on the Planner component of Sharepoint to Ron.

5. Open space discussion and follow-up from last meeting

Ron shared a map of open space throughout the township and showed some information on open space. During discussion it was noted that the members would like to see if this map could include all greenspace along with slope information and maybe have the mapping in a 3D format. Also discussed was the possibility of future consideration of adjoining greenspace areas from development to development, maintaining natural vegetation at steep slope sites, and the need for residents to have natural/mature landscaping in their neighborhoods for recreation purposes. Ron advised he will have additional maps/information at the next meeting to include an overlay of undeveloped land and the future land use map from the Comprehensive Plan.

6. Item #3 from the Ad Hoc EAC - Landscaping evaluation

a. Steep slopes discussion

Discussion included that a change may be needed in the way trees are initially planted for successful growth. It was noted the at next month's meeting Jessica Pierce, Service Forester from the PA DCNR, will be attending the meeting and that she would most likely be able to answer questions. Also discussed was the possibility of adding language to the ordinance for terracing steep slopes and options for terracing and the need to protect mature timber on sites, while it was noted that the undeveloped properties in the township are more than likely more challenging.

7. Roles of the PAC and EAC

It was noted that the Committee members in attendance would like to see the meetings continue on a monthly basis and hold off on moving to a quarterly meeting.

New Business

8. Air Quality Monitoring:

- a. Short introduction by Michael DiMonte
- b. Why Cranberry is interested
- c. Outline of past discussions/decisions
- d. School Board interest
- e. CMU RAMP Program - Dr. Presto
- f. How are communities using the RAMP monitors?
- g. Who within the townships are typically involved with the installations?
- h. What does a community/town really need to do to support the monitors?
- i. What CMU does. Data collection, reporting, maintenance.
- j. What problems have been experienced?
- k. Timing
- l. Q & A - All
- m. Next steps - Michael DiMonte/Co-Chairs

Dr. Albert Presto of Carnegie Mellon University was the guest speaker for this evening. He provided a powerpoint presentation on the CMU RAMP Network, which is a Real Time Multi-Pollutant Sensor.

After the presentation, there were questions and discussion on the requirements for location, power sources needed for the equipment, what types of commitment would be required to house a unit, reporting associated with data collected, a baseline for the area before the Cracker Plant is up and running in Beaver County. Also discussed was the possibility of alerts from the Sensor for health warnings as well as education at school levels.

Dr. Presto advised that the majority of the data collected from the existing Sensors is utilized by his grad students and papers that are written and/or published.

Michael DiMonte moved to approach Dr. Presto on placing a unit in Cranberry Township. Fred Peterson amended the motion to possibly include more than one unit/site and place others at locations like the sewer plant. Anne Gill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion

9. Discussion

Before the presentation by Dr. Presto, the meeting was moved to the Discussion topics.

a. Water issues (Tim Casey)

Tim advised he has pin hole leaks in his indoor plumbing and is working with Jason Dailey of the Public Works Dept. on water chemistry and state regulations. He would like to make this a future meeting topic.

At this time the meeting went over to Dr. Presto. When the presentation was finished the next topic was discussed:

b. Next Meeting objectives:

Presentation and discussion with Jessica Pierce, DCNR Forester at 1-13-21 meeting.

Adjournment

10. A motion to adjourn at 7:34 was made by Anne Gill and seconded by Michael DiMonte.

VOTING

Motion by: Gill, Anne

Second by: Dimonte, Michael

Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Ryan Baptiste	X			
John Burglund	X			
Tim Casey	X			
Michael Dimonte	X			
Anne Gill	X			
Fred Peterson	X			
Honora Rockar	X			
Zachary Sanctis	X			
Ed Sarver	X			
Erma Scarfutti	X			

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Auer
Recording Secretary