



**CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021**

Members Present

Tim Casey
 Michael Dimonte
 Fred Peterson
 Honora Rockar
 Ed Sarver
 Erma Scarfutti
 Allison Smith

Staff Present

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

Call to Order

1. Salute to the Flag

Mr. Casey called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Casey acknowledged the presence of all members except Ms. Gill, Mr. Burglund and Mr. Sanctis, who were excused.

Minutes

3. Minutes from May 12, 2021

VOTING

Motion by: Scarfutti, Erma
 Second by: Peterson, Fred

Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tim Casey	X			
Michael Dimonte	X			
Fred Peterson	X			
Honora Rockar	X			
Ed Sarver	X			
Erma Scarfutti	X			
Allison Smith	X			

Public Comment (Any item not on the Agenda)

Andy Shegog of 512 Blackberry Circle – Would like the EAC and PAC to have a meeting together.

Environmental Education

4. Audubon Society of Western PA, Sarah Koenig presentation at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Sarah Koenig from the Audubon Society of Western PA gave a presentation to the Committee. Discussion during and after the presentation with Ms. Koenig included the Butterfly Garden project that the Committee is reviewing which lead members to inquire if there a possibility of the Audubon Society assisting with this project.

Old Business

5. Clean Up Day

This item is continued to the July 14th meeting.

6. Butterfly Garden

Mr. Wharton advised he has contacted Mr. Geis of Parks & Recreation and Mr. Drew Fredericks from the Golf Course for the possibility of a coordinated effort between the departments and the EAC. He advised before he can proceed any further, he will need some direction as to how the EAC would like to proceed and in what capacity.

Discussion included: some members of the EAC would like to take on a stewardship of the project, some would like to have involvement in the garden on an as needed basis, it was suggested that an inventory of the existing garden be taken, as well as helping with the design of the garden and reaching out to the Audubon Society for assistance.

A motion was made to explore a stewardship of the Butterfly Garden.

VOTING

Motion by: DiMonte, Michael

Second by: Scarfutti, Erma

Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tim Casey	X			
Michael Dimonte	X			
Fred Peterson	X			
Honora Rockar	X			
Ed Sarver	X			
Erma Scarfutti	X			
Allison Smith	X			

7. Adopt-A-Roadway

This was continued to the July 14th meeting.

8. Charter/By Laws Update

Mr. Henshaw advised this is coming along and we should have something at the July 14th meeting.

9. Stream Restoration Update

Mr. Wharton advised he is working on this project in coordination with our Engineering Department and will have something at the July 14th meeting.

10. Eagle Scout Project Update

Mr. Wharton advised the project is moving forward and the signs are being installed.

Mr. Peterson suggested that a review of the signs be completed to be sure all identifications are correct.

Work Group Updates

- 11. 1. Policy/Ordinance
- 2. Water, Air Quality, Stormwater
- 3. Trees, Landscaping, Open Space
- 4. Education/Outreach
- 5. Alternative Energy/Recycling

1. Policy/Ordinance

Mr. Casey advised this Group will meet monthly after the EAC meetings for a recap session.

2. Water, Air Quality, Stormwater

Mr. DiMonte advised the EAC that Mr. Burglund will be the spokesperson for this Group
The Group would like the opportunity review/comment on the Stream Restoration project and would like to contact someone in reference to brush fire safety

3. Trees, Landscaping, Open Space

Mr. Peterson advised he will send out a notice in the next 2-3 weeks for this Group to get started
They will forward info to the Education Group
He would like to see this Group review plantings for retention ponds

4. Education/Outreach

Mr. Peterson advised he will send out a notice in the next 2-3 weeks for this Group to get started

5. Alternative Energy/Recycling

Mr. Casey advised he would like to see more recycling events throughout the year
Ms. Rockar mentioned the WeConservePA Seminar in September

New Business

12. Future meeting discussion

Mr. Henshaw inquired as to whether the Committee will continue virtual meetings or move to in person meetings. A decision on this matter will need to be made in the next few weeks so we can proceed accordingly for the next meeting.

13. Cranberry Township Apiary
(located at the Cranberry Highlands Golf Course)

Mr. Henshaw inquired as to whether the EAC has any interest in stewardship for the Apiary located at the Cranberry Highlands Golf Course.

Discussion took place as to the EAC doing actual work and using local bee keepers for advise/consulting.

A motion was made to explore a stewardship of the Apiary.

VOTING

Motion by: Casey, Tim

Second by: Smith, Allison

Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tim Casey	X			
Michael Dimonte	X			
Fred Peterson	X			
Honora Rockar	X			
Ed Sarver	X			

Erma Scarfutti		X		
Allison Smith	X			

14. Rain Barrel and Composting Classes

Mr. Henshaw advised he believes these classes would be a good fit for the Committee to be involved with.

He will have more information at the next meeting.

15. Community Outreach

Mr. Henshaw advised Mr. Wharton will set a meeting between himself, the Co-Chairs and our Communications staff to come up with a communications strategy for the EAC.

Plan Study

16. NEXT MONTH - Buildings 280/290 Cranberry Business Park

West Kensinger Drive, Cranberry Business Park

Boards, Commissions, Committees

Mr. Henshaw updated the Committee on the Board of Supervisors, Planning Advisory Commission and Neighborhood Forum meetings.

Items of Interest

Mr. Henshaw reviewed items of interest from around the Township.

Other Business

The next meeting will be July 14th

Ms. Rockar advised the Environmental Advisory Council Handbook has been updated. Mr. Wharton will review the revisions and have the updated version posted on the SharePoint site.

Ms. Rockar shared that the WeConservePA – PA Greenways & Trails Summit will take place September 17 – 19.

At this time there was discussion on the WeConservePA affiliate membership.

Ms. Scarfutti relayed that we should wait and start a membership for 2022 as it will be more cost effective than the 6 months that are remaining in 2021.

VOTING

Motion by: Casey, Tim

Second by: DiMonte, Michael

Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tim Casey	X			
Michael Dimonte	X			
Fred Peterson	X			
Honora Rockar	X			
Ed Sarver	X			
Erma Scarfutti			X	
Allison Smith	X			

A reminder was given noting Mr. Sean McCarty, Assistant Superintendent, Seneca Valley School District will be the guest speaker at the August 11th meeting.

Adjournment

17. A motion to adjourn was made at 8:12 p.m.

VOTING

Motion by: Dimonte, Michael

Second by: Peterson, Fred

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Auer
Recording Secretary