



*CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022*

Members Present

Tim Casey
Michael Dimonte
Fred Peterson
Honora Rockar
Zachary Sanctis

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 6:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Minutes

3. Minutes from December 8, 2021

VOTING

Motion by: Dimonte, Michael
Second by: Sanctis, Zachary

Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tim Casey	X			
Michael Dimonte	X			
Fred Peterson	X			
Honora Rockar	X			
Zachary Sanctis	X			

Public Comment (Any item not on the Agenda)

There was no public comment.

Environmental Education

4. Rose Romboski, Southern Butler County Garden Club

At this time, Ms. Rose Romboski from the Southern Butler County Garden Club (SBCGC) was introduced.

Ms. Romboski is the current Community Coordinator for the Club and has been a member since 2004.

The Club installed and cares for the public garden near the Graham Park Sports Courts and currently has 39 members.

Mr. Peterson asked that he be the liaison from the EAC to the SBCGC.

She advised that the Club would like to see a permanent shelter structure be constructed at the public garden for education, events, meetings. Mr. Henshaw advised staff could do some research and see if the Township could help with this.

Discussion joint functions for both groups. She also advised that the SBCGC events are well publicized through the CT communications system (ie: facebook, twitter).

She looks “forward to growing together”.

Reorganization

At this time, Mr. Casey wanted to provide a preface to the election of Officers. He would like to see a consensus of the group on elections of officers at tonight’s meeting as two of the members are not present.

Mr. Henshaw advised that reorganization is completed at the beginning of each year at the first meeting of any Board, Commission, Committee. There was discussion in reference to a structure that included a Chairperson, 2 Co-Chairpersons and no Secretary. Everyone agreed and the following elections were completed:

Motion by Mr. DiMonte to nominate Mr. Peterson as Chairperson. Mr. Peterson accepted the nomination. Mr. Casey seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Sanctis to nominate Mr. Casey as 1st Co-Chairperson. Mr. Casey accepted the nomination. Mr. DiMonte seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Sanctis to nominate Ms. Rockar as 2nd Co-Chairperson. Ms. Rockar declined the nomination.

Motion by Mr. Casey to nominate Mr. DiMonte as 2nd Co-Chairperson. Mr. DiMonte accepted the nomination. Mr. Sanctis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Old Business

5. Butterfly Garden

Mr. Peterson advised he and Mr. Casey visited the site in North Boundary Park. He provided a diagram of the site showing the changes they would like to see made.

Mr. Henshaw advised he has a meeting with staff on January 21 and further advised he has received positive feedback leading up to this meeting.

Mr. Peterson would like to see progress on this project by late spring/early summer seasons and reach out to the stakeholders for assistance with this project.

6. Cranberry Township Apiary

Mr. Henshaw advised that unfortunately he has not spoken to any representative from Burgh Bees as of yet. He will continue to work on opening a communication line with them and will report back next month.

7. EAC Network Conference 2022

February 26, 2022 - 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM

January 28th is the deadline for any members to reach out to staff if they would like to attend. Ms. Rockar and Mr. DiMonte will be presenting on the subject of RAMP.

Mr. Sanctis advised he would like to attend and will reach out to staff. Mr. Henshaw advised he and Mr. Wharton will be attending.

Work Group Updates

8. Work Group Updates

Ms. Auer asked that the Work Group updates follow the agenda.

At this time Mr. Casey suggested that the Committee consider moving from a Work Group base to a project management base. Projects would be worked on by the entire EAC. Mr. Peterson advised that the EAC is now a committee of 7 people, and all members will be needed to make each of the remaining and future projects more manageable and will result in more projects being completed as it seems that members are not following through with projects. This also provides for accountability in finishing projects and moving on to the next project.

Mr. Casey would like to proceed with this agenda and the Work Groups. At the next meeting, we would like to discuss the possibility of restructuring from Work Groups to Projects.

1. Policy and Ordinance

Mr. DiMonte reviewed his composite Ordinance recommendations on Open Space document reviewing items marked with 1. Mr. Peterson and Mr. Casey advised that members of this Work Group have invested an abundance of time in this research.

Mr. DiMonte made a motion to recommend that the Composite Ordinance recommendations on Open Space document be moved forward to staff for review. Mr. Casey seconded. The vote was unanimous.

a. Charter/ByLaws

Ms. Rockar advised she was in favor of removing the organizational chart and making it a separate operation document. She advised that the documents had been sent to members asking for comments and further advised no comments have been received. She would like to see that maybe High School Seniors be drafted as Associate members if they have an interest in their senior projects that would involve the environment. It was decided that all members will meet to review and edit the document.

2. Water, Air Quality, and Stormwater

a. Stream Restoration project update

Ms. Rockar advised that this Work Group would like to proceed with assistnace by the Communications Department to provide information and updates on this project. Mr. Henshaw advised that he will speak with the Communications Department staff about this and suggested that this Work Group submit some topics they would like to see published in the next publication.

3. Trees, Landscaping, and Open Space

There was no update for this Work Group.

4. Education and Outreach

a. Arbor Day 2022 planning

After discussion It was decided to do a tree seedling give-away again for 2022 and Mr. Wharton will begin looking into the “dynamics” to have this come together.

b. Adopt-A-Roadway - Spring/Summer 2022 planning

After discussion, it was noted that Ms. Auer will have a date for the Committee for the spring clean up to discuss at the next meeting.

5. Alternative Energy and Recycling

Ms. Rockar advised she would like to contact Eric Matheson of the PUC to speak at an upcoming meeting on solar energy.

Discussion items included composting in Cranberry Township. Mr Henshaw advised that a single composting location would be challenging in Cranberry Township alone. Education on back yard composting was discussed along with rain barrel education. Mr. Casey asked that Neighborhood Forum be introduced to open space composting while Mr. Henshaw advised there are requirements for maintenance, management and locations of said compost areas.

At this time, Mr. DiMonte wanted to thank Tim Casey for his term as the past Chairperson.

New Business

Plan Study

9. NEXT MONTH: To Be Determined

After discussion it was decided that the Courtyards at Willow Grove will be discussed at the February 9th meeting.

Boards, Commissions, Committees

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- a. Board of Supervisors -
- b. Planning Advisory Commission
- c. Neighborhood Forum
- d. Other items of interest

Mr. Henshaw gave the updates of all the above.

Roundtable Discussion

Mr. Casey would like information on the township’s Sustainability certification at next month’s meeting.

Adjournment

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

VOTING

Motion by: Dimonte, Michael

Second by: Sanctis, Zachary

Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
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Tim Casey	X			
Michael Dimonte	X			
Fred Peterson	X			
Honora Rockar	X			
Zachary Sanctis	X			

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Auer
Recording Secretary