

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2022

In attendance were:

Lynnette Saunders, EAC Chair
Jean Scherfcunningham, secretary EAC
Jim Morrison, EAC
Mark & Donna Rosenbaum
Hank Sokolowski, EAC
Shawn Hopkins, EAC
Bill Sabey – from Ready for 100

Minutes of June were approved with corrections.

We had a presentation from Bill Sabey about the program “Ready for 100”, which means using 100% renewable energy. It has passed in 18 communities in Montgomery County, including our near neighbors of Hatboro and Abington. First step is a Clean Energy Resolution. Then Energy Transition planning.

Outdoor Education Center – Drawing by Landscape Architect should be done soon.

Plastic bag survey. The results for people who took it in the library were 35% in favor, 59.7 against, and 4.7 unsure. So we need to do more education and convince more people it is a good idea to have a ban before proceeding.

Dog Park – Lynnette and Shawn met with Pat Stasio. He seemed open to planting there with the idea of creating a forest.

Elementary School is going to plant a willow oak. The Shade tree sign was designed by Kate Nuss, the art teacher and leader of the environmental club. The design has been sent to Treasure Signs. Middle School sign is still in progress.

For the water bottle refill station it was suggested that we get the sports team involved.

Shade tree part of parks and recs department. It needs rules for it such as what is its purpose, duties etc. It was suggested that Pat Stasio should assign a person to be an advocate for the trees.

July 30th at 9:30 am we are going to have a clean up the tree event at Veterans War Memorial Park. Bring water, clippers, leather gloves and wear long pants.

our ‘to do list’ OEEC, reforestation sites (Middle School, YMCA, creek next to dog park (approved), Pennypack Creek at Warminster Road near apartments), water bottle filling fountain at Masons Mill Park, plant shade tree(s) in conspicuous location(s) with an educational sign on how trees affect the water cycle and clean the air, etc. (small trees near entrance of each school?) Do a row of shrubs along MS bioswales?, reduce the use of Roundup on public and school grounds, MS sign.