

EAC Meeting
June 26th, 2018

Attending:

Elizabeth Jenkins (Chair)
Claudia Clueto (Member)
Annie Fox (Member)
Allen Prindle (Assoc. Member)
Susan Kelly (Assoc. Member)
Nancy English (Assoc. Member)
Matt McCabe (Member)
Lauren McKinney (Borough Council Liaison)

Street Lighting Update

- Swarthmore Borough website now features a section for reporting problems with streetlight adjustment, per recommendation from EAC's letter to the Borough on this topic (see Feb. 2018 meeting minutes)

Spotted Lantern Fly

- Elizabeth passed around the article that Corey had written for the Swarthmorean. Highlighted what to look for and what to do – practical steps.

Proposed Changes to Swarthmore Recycling Program

- Information summarizes May Environment Committee meeting and meeting with Borough (Jane), a Few Steps, Lauren, and Elizabeth.
- Heading toward separating paper from everything else. Glass may have to go to the recycling center since no market for glass.
 - Research other places that might take our glass? Artisans to take glass?
- Paper will go to a Philly based paper recycler (Newman Paper) who will take a greater variety of paper and supports local jobs.
- B&L has a contract with the Borough for at least the next year but might see the change in the residential recycling program in the next few months.
- Melissa and Lauren will talk to businesses – Hobbs, COOP, Inn – to figure out how to encourage waste reduction (compostable take out containers, donating produce to be thrown out to those in need, etc)
 - COOP has a great recycling program addressing waste but still uses plastic take out containers
 - Melissa and her intern are writing up their findings for Hobbs, the Inn, and the COOP. Those businesses are on board to learn more.
 - Could COOP use Kitchen Harvest for composting? Could Borough residents take advantage of that program?
 - Composting and reduction are better than recycling

- Lauren will contact friends at the COOP Board re: donating produce that would be tossed out.
- B&L is the transporter of the residential Borough recycling. Picks up and delivers to recycler (Republic). B&L charged by the ton and so would prefer we remove paper.
- Borough receives money from Newman if paper is recycled at the recycling center.
- Both Aluminum and Paper taken to the recycling center benefits Borough financially; however, based on last year's numbers, even if all paper is sent to Newman, would not offset new costs of mixed recycling (once current contract is up and new prices go into effect)
- How will Borough address informing residents of change to separate stream?
 - Borough would like to distribute different bins to residents for paper waste, as well as advertise in the Swarthmorean, Facebook, and website. B&L would then only pick up certain types of materials on certain weeks. Would there be a flyer to explain why they didn't pick up? Had been the case in the past. Borough would then answer calls that people made with questions.
- EAC's role is to educate people on recycling. Once details of the changes are finalized, get message out at different venues:
 - Farmer's Market, NextDoor, COOP & other local businesses (through their e-newsletters, etc), faith communities, etc.
- EAC can also help by researching creative solutions for glass recycling
 - Republic (our recycler) has also recently gotten a contract with the City of Philadelphia. Research what the Sustainability Dept of the City is going to be doing with their glass.

Mariner East Pipeline II

- Annie presented the letter sent by Borough Council to support the PUC's hold on the pipeline until health and safety issues addressed. (Content of letter originally drafted by Annie on behalf of the EAC)
- Result of Sunoco's appeal: Mariner East II is stopped, Mariner East I is flowing again.
- Delaware County Council is moving forward with a safety study. Annie will check with Clean Air Council if it would still be helpful for Borough Council to weigh in with Delaware County on this issue.

PA Cap and Trade Proposal

- Robert McKinstrey Jr and other academics are working on a carbon cap and trade program for PA. Proposal is also supported by the Clean Air Council.
- PA Environmental Quality Board (EQB) Petition is being circulated for municipalities to review. Signing on entails support for requiring the DEP to review and evaluate the proposal and make recommendations to the EQB on how to proceed.
- Annie is encouraging questions to be sent to her and will share more information as it becomes available.

CORPOS Plan

- Approved by Borough Council. Included analysis of community parks. EAC members should keep eyes open regarding grants or other resources to use to address recommendations in our parks. Final tweaks will be done soon. Put up on Borough website, EAC Facebook, etc.

Tick and Mosquito Education

- Discussed what has or hasn't been working in our own backyards. Elizabeth and Jen Fluger will work together to draft some resources.

Little Crum Creek Park Clean Up

- Successful work day in mid-June. 13 volunteers.

May Meeting Minutes

- Approved with minor changes: add the name of the institution that proposed the Greenhouse Gas study and addition of the full name of GHG report.