



# THE COUNTY OF CHESTER



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**DRAFT MINUTES:**  
Environmental and Energy Advisory Board

Zoom Video/Audio  
June 24, 2020

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jess Cadorette, Chair; Paul Spiegel, Vice Chair; Brian O'Leary, Secretary; Jon Altshul; Jan Bowers; David Busch; Mark Connolly; Carol DeWolf; Steve Krug; David Mazzocco; Meredith Mayer; Mike Murphy; Scott Neumann; Rachel Roberts; Chris Strohmaier; Kevin Warren; Jim Wylie; Will Williams; Peter Williamson; Brianne Zanin.

**OTHER COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:** Carol Stauffer, CCPC; Carolyn Conwell, CCPC; Nancy Shields, CCPC; Elle Steinman, CCPC; Suzanne Wozniak, CCPC, Stephen Sinclair, Facilities.

**VISITORS:** Rob Graff, DVRPC; Chris Steuer, Millersville University; Dennis Rowan; Jonathon Meyers; Michael Keffer, Light – Heigel Associates.

## CALL TO ORDER:

The Environmental and Energy Advisory Board held via Zoom video/audio on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 was called to order at 2:31 P.M. by Chair Jess Cadorette.

## ACTION ITEMS:

### Adoption of May 28, 2020 Minutes:

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 28, 2020 MEETING WAS MADE BY MR. ALTSHUL, SECONDED BY MR. SPIEGEL, AND PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

### Potential Conflict of Interest Guidance:

Mr. O'Leary contacted the County Solicitor requesting information on county policies about conflict of interest for the board. The Solicitor reported that the Commissioners are working on such a policy for authorities, boards, and commissions, and this will be shared with the EEAB once the policy is completed.

### Draft Climate Action Plan:

Ms. Stauffer reviewed the draft Chester County 2020 Climate Action Plan, focusing on the structure and organization of the plan. The members of the board discussed the purpose and mission statement and a process for providing written comments on the draft plan. Information about the draft Chester County 2020 Climate Action Plan can be found at <https://chescoPlanning.org/Environmental/ClimateAction.cfm>.

ACTION ITEM:

Revised Meeting Schedule:

A MOTION TO MOVE THE JULY 22, 2020 MEETING TO AUGUST 26, 2020 WAS MADE BY MS. BOWERS, SECONDED BY MS. MAYER, AND PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

UPDATES AND COMMENTS:

Chester County Environmental Alliance:

Ms. Cadorette presented information to the board about the Chester County Environmental Alliance (CCEA). CCEA is an alliance of about 25 independent organizations that work together to protect and enhance the environment in Chester County. More information can be found at <https://chescoenvt.org/chester-county-environment-alliance/>.

Planning Commission Director's Report:

Mr. O'Leary noted that the county's comprehensive plan *Landscapes3* includes environmental metrics and tracking for actions that take place within the preservation and environment goals. These metrics will be presented at the Planning Commission's July 8, 2020 board meeting and will be shared with the Environmental and Energy Advisory board.

Other Updates:

Ms. Bowers mentioned that the Chester County Water Resources Authority is in the process of updating the county's stormwater management and integrated water resources management plan. Due to Covid19 restrictions, the stakeholder process was interrupted, but the update of the plans is again moving forward.

Ms. DeWolf mentioned that the West Chester Area Council of Governments completed the West Chester Area 100% Renewable Energy Transition Study also known as the "Cadmus report". The report can be found here: [https://eastgoshen.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/WCACOG-100-RE-Study\\_final-3.4.pdf](https://eastgoshen.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/WCACOG-100-RE-Study_final-3.4.pdf)

Public Comment:

Ms. Cadorette read a comment from Mr. Keffer, Engineer with Light - Heigel and Assoc. for the Devault Foods Final Plan. Devault Foods is proposing a significant expansion of their industrial activity on their site in Charlestown Township. Mr. Keffer wrote, "We were listening to make sure your committee was not proposing any type of cogeneration or alternative energy requirements for plans that expand energy usage in the County."

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:58 PM. WAS MADE BY MR. O'LEARY, SECONDED BY MR. ALTSHUL AND PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary

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