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DRAFT MINUTES:
Environmental and Energy Advisory Board

Zoom Video/Audio
October 28, 2020

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

OTHER COUNTY STAFF PRESENT: Carol Stauffer, CCPC; Jeanne Casner, Health; Beau Crowding, Emergency Services; Carolyn Conwell, CCPC; Beth Cunliffe, CCPC; Steve Sinclair, Facilities; Suzanne Wozniak, CCPC.

VISITORS: There were no visitors.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Environmental and Energy Advisory Board meeting held via Zoom video/audio on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 was called to order at 2:31 P.M. by Chair Jess Cadorette.

ACTION ITEMS:

Adoption of August 26, 2020 Minutes:

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 26, 2020 MEETING WAS MADE BY MR. KRUG, SECONDED BY MS. DEWOLF, AND PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

Adoption of the 2021 Meeting Schedule:

Mr. O'Leary shared the 2021 draft meeting schedule and recommended the Environmental and Energy Advisory Board continue to meet quarterly on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm. The meeting dates are as follows:

January 27, 2021 - 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

April 28, 2021 - 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

July 28, 2021 - 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

October 27, 2021 - 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2021 ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE WAS MADE BY MS. DEWOLF, SECONDED BY MS. MAYER, AND PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mosquito Spraying Program:

The board was provided with three documents for review related to the mosquito spraying program within the county. Mr. O’Leary provided background information on the Commissioner’s request for a recommendation from the board regarding the program. Mr. O’Leary then shared the “Public Health Mosquito Management Strategy” public document with the board for discussion of the current recommendations. Mr. O’Leary then introduced Ms. Jeanne Casner, Director of the Chester County Health Department.

Ms. Casner presented information about the county mosquito spraying program. The program “Mosquito Borne Disease Control” has been an agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the county since 2009. The entire program is designed, developed, and funded by the DEP at the commonwealth level. The state authorizes the county to carry out the program, which is driven by a management plan that identifies the appropriate protocols for the use of pesticides. The basic elements of the program include education and outreach, surveillance and prevention. All staff at the county level are certified and attend annual training and meetings related to the certifications.

Next steps for the board would include preparing draft recommendations at the next scheduled meeting in January 2021 to present to the Commissioners for consideration.

Review of the Climate Action Plan, 3rd Draft:

Ms. Stauffer and the board members discussed the ongoing process of edits to the current draft Climate Action Plan.

Mr. Connolly shared an alternative vision statement along with an example. As a next step, Ms. Stauffer will create a survey for EEAB members that will include the two draft vision statements.

The board discussed the process for moving forward with the draft plan. Ms. Bowers felt that additional conversation was needed to discuss priorities and timeframes, particularly those relating to Facilities and the impact of proposed actions on the county budget. The possibility of having work sessions separate from the regular Board meeting was discussed.

Mr. O’Leary indicated that he and Ms. Stauffer would think about possible approaches to further review by the Board and would be in touch about a future meeting. In the meantime, Board members are welcome to email their comments to Ms. Stauffer.

UPDATES AND COMMENTS:

Planning Commission Director’s Report:

Mr. O’Leary updated the board on the county’s 2021 budget.

Mr. O’Leary shared details of the Planning Commission proposed work program for 2021 and spoke about how the work of the Environmental and Energy Advisory Board fits into the program.

Other Updates:

Mr. Krug mentioned that he met on October 27, 2020 for the bi-monthly meeting of the state level climate action plan. The goal for this committee is to have a final draft in April of 2021 with the anticipated final plan ready by October 2021.

Ms. Mayer mentioned that Chadds Ford Township has been coordinating with Temple University students on a local climate action plan.

The next quarterly meeting will be on January 27, 2021. A special work session to review a final draft of the Climate Action Plan will most likely be scheduled prior to January 27, 2021, and members will be notified if this meeting will occur.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:59 PM. WAS MADE BY MR. O'LEARY, SECONDED BY MS. DEWOLF AND PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian N. O'Leary". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter 'y'.

Brian N. O'Leary, AICP
Secretary

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