

Green Advisory Council

South Whitehall Township Lehigh County, Pennsylvania November 21, 2022

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Frank Petrocelli, Judy Cooper, Jessie Snyder, Marie North, Derek Pinkham, Sara Seipel, Todd Fahringer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Pinsley

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Tom Petrucci, Township Manager; Chris Strohler, Long-Range Planner; Mike Elias, MS4 Coordinator

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

None

Minutes - November 21, 2022

AGENDA ITEM #1 - CALL TO ORDER

Frank called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

AGENDA ITEM #2 - ROLL CALL

AGENDA ITEM #3 - ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Motion to accept October meeting minutes made by Frank; seconded by Jessie.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - CORRESPONDENCE

A. N/A

AGENDA ITEM #4 – COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. REPORT OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES (max 15 minutes)

- a. Frank announced that he would be resigning from the GAC, effective November 21,
 2022. Frank departed the meeting at 6:30 pm due to a prior scheduling conflict. Judy chaired the remainder of the meeting following Frank's departure.
- b. Review outstanding action items:

Task	Responsibility	Update
Communication plan for	Single-Use	Styrofoam recycling information posted
new recycling flyer (topics:	Plastics	onto Trash and Recycling Guidelines on
recycling single-use plastic	Committee	SWT website. Per Tom, we can
bags and How2Recycle		incorporate flyer content into the next
labeling)		newsletter.

Meet with BOC to discuss alignment of GAC programs with BOC priorities	Frank	Tom discussed holding off on any BOC meeting until after the comprehensive plan process has been completed. Plan on Q1 2023 for a potential meeting between the BOC and GAC to discuss priorities. We also discussed the potential advantages of combining the GAC and EAC.
Updates on LV EAC Network Forum	Frank	There will be an EAC Network Forum in May, during which presenters will share brief presentations on ongoing local initiatives. The next EAC planning meeting is Dec. 8. With Frank leaving the GAC, we need to find a replacement. Chris to serve as SWT staff contact and Sarah to serve as EAC Network GAC member contact/attendee.
Post new "GAC Facts" on website	All GAC members	Ongoing interest in creating GAC facts. New members encourage to begin sharing GAC facts.
Recruit new GAC member	ВОС	Three new members appointed. Welcome to the GAC!

AGENDA ITEM # 5 - NEW BUSINESS

- a. Upcoming elections for GAC officers on January 23, 2023, per GAC bylaws. Frank is stepping down, and Judy will serve as interim GAC Chair until new officers are elected. Since 2020, we have not had an actively participating Secretary, therefore we may not need to appoint a Secretary (Chris volunteered to take notes). Come prepared to the December meeting with officer nominations.
- b. Comprehensive Plan updates are nearly complete and are open for public comment until mid-December. SWT staff will come to the next GAC meeting prepared to share the proposed implementation items for presentation to and discussion with the GAC members. These will help steer GAC priorities in the coming year.
- c. Introductions between new and existing GAC members and SWT staff. Members shared their personal interest/experience in volunteering and environmental issues. New members asked questions regarding GAC history and process.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – PUBLIC COMMENT

a. None.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – ADJOURNMENT

A. Judy made motion to adjourn at 6:58 PM; seconded by Marie.