

Newtown Borough Environmental Advisory Council

July 8, 2024 Minutes

Council Chambers 23 N. State St. Newtown PA 18940 and Zoom

Members present: Glenn Beasley, Katherine Borish, Pat Foster, Tim Markey (Co-chair), Samantha McGraw (Co-chair), Bob Mirales, Gerard O'Malley, Julia Woldorf (Council Liaison)

1. Review agenda The agenda was reviewed with no changes.
2. Approve minutes: Katherine made the motion and Pat seconded the motion to approve the June 10, 2024 minutes. All voted in favor (Gerard abstained).
3. Update on Single-Use-Plastics Ordinance: The EAC reviewed and discussed the press release that will be sent to local media. The intent is to educate the public on the basics of the new Single-Use Plastics ordinance. Following some edits Katherine will submit to the following outlets:
 - Newtown Patch
 - The Advance
 - Gazette
 - Bucks County Beacon

Samatha to prepare a reminder "Are you Ready" survey for the business in preparation for the September Implementation.

4. EAC Priorities for 2024 - The EAC discussed the status of EAC priorities:
 - a. Sustainable landscaping: Bob presented his [initial ideas](#) on forming a working group to tackle the sustainable landscaping project. As a follow-up to the EAC priorities discussion with council in February, Bob will present at an upcoming council work session on the goals of the working group and outline the scope of the potential issues that are connected to the sustainable landscaping project. Glenn indicated that he would be interested in joining the working group.
 - b. Official Map: Gerard indicated that he will bring this topic to an upcoming EAC meeting in August or September. Julia will provide Gerard a street map of the borough.
 - c. Investigate creation of a Newtown Borough Climate Action Plan: Tim is currently doing research on climate action plans from other municipalities.
 - d. Single-use plastics ordinance: Ongoing (Katherine)
 - e. Trash/Recycling Hauling Ordinance: Still of interest but not at the top of the priority list at the moment
 - f. Storm Sewer Decals: Julia to give Tim the storm sewer map and he will investigate the current state of existing decals
5. Borough Council Update: Julia updated the EAC on several topics. 1. The sidewalks project on Frost Lane between Edgeboro La. and Linton Hill Dr. is moving ahead with bids expected early next year. 2. Patriots Park is under construction. In September, the public will be invited to participate in planting perennials (mostly native plants). 3. Bucks County will do a Blue Zone project in collaboration with Blue Cross of PA and State Senator Santarsiero's office.

6. New Business: None

7. Next Newtown Borough EAC meeting will be Monday, August 12, 2024, 7:00 pm at the Council Chambers and via Zoom.

Tim made the motion to adjourn and Glenn seconded with all agreeing and the meeting was adjourned.

For the Council,

Gerard O'Malley

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