

Newtown Borough Environmental Advisory Council

August 12, 2024 Minutes

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

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

1. Review agenda: The agenda was reviewed with no changes.
2. Approve minutes: Katherine made the motion and Glenn seconded the motion to approve the July 8, 2024 minutes. All voted in favor.
3. Single-Use Plastics Ordinance Implementation. Katherine has created press releases related to the new ordinance and recycling in general and forwarded to local publications. Thanks you Katherine! Samantha provided info for the September Borough E-Mail Newsletter. Samantha also created a pre-implementation survey for the Borough retailers and distributed through Judy Musto. Thank you Samantha! Market Day is October 1 and there was discussion about publicizing the new ordinance at that event. Julia is following up on whether a Borough table might happen that we could be part of.
4. EAC Priorities for 2024 - Updates:

Sustainable Landscaping - Bob will provide an update to Borough Council during their work session on September 5.

Climate Action Plan - Tim provided some background on what a CAP is in Pennsylvania and provided some examples from Middletown Township and Havertown Township. Followups are to contact the state about the process to begin a CAP, and to get feedback from Middletown about the experience. There was discussion about the Blue Zones project and that perhaps that may be a better area of focus.

Single Trash Hauler - Julia will discuss recycling requirements with Craig Totaro, and the plan is still to revise the current ordinance to provide the alternative to move to a single trash hauler in the future.
5. Upcoming Events: Katherine is exploring a joint meeting between the EAC of the Borough and the Township. Potentially targeting October.
6. Discussion about "Parking Day", celebrating native plants. Decision was not to participate in Parking Day for 2024, but instead look at doing something with native plants at next year's Earth Day.
7. Borough Council Liaison Update - Julia informed us that West Nile virus has been observed in Bucks County, no spraying yet, but we'll be informed. Patriots Park is nearing completion. Residents will be invited to help plant perennials on September 21, with the official opening on

the 23rd. Frost Lane sidewalk project is still in the design phase, deadline for completion is December 2026.

8. New Business - none.

9. No public comment

10. Next Newtown Borough EAC meeting will be Monday, September 16, 2024, 7:00 pm at the Council Chambers and via Zoom.

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

For the Council,

Tim Markey

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