

Final EAC Minutes
Tuesday, February 28, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

- **Present**
 - **EAC:** Ms Garg, Mr. Kunz, Ms. Hilyard, Ms. Guererro, Mr. Meyers, Ms. Gensemer, Mr. Heisey
 - **Public:** Todd Pohlig and associates, Charles Aquilina, Mark Connolly
 - **BOS:** Martha Majewski, Susan Guerette
 - **Mgmt:** Laurie Getz

- **Approve January 2023 Summary**
 - 8:14 meeting resumes (after Mr. Pohlig and Mr. Connolly present– see below)
 - minutes approved

- **Announcements**
 - See Facebook [Schuylkill Township EAC | Facebook](#)
 - Ms. Garg notes a few new updates

- **Public Participation**
 - Planned: Charles Aquilina (applicant for EAC alternate)
 - Ms. Garg introduces Mr. Aquilina
 - Mr. Aquilina describes his background and there is a short Q&A

- **Presentations**
 - Pohlig regarding Reeves property
 - 7:02am Todd begins presentation to address questions; refers to memorandum dated October 26th
 - they have provided a new environmental impact assessment (doc is attachment: EIA_02-14-23 from 2/21 email)
 - Todd presents a new map and explains changes
 - Todd continues to read through his memorandum
 - 7:23 Todd finishes and opens for questions
 - Mr. Kunz asks clarification about basins, culverts and stormwater
 - Mr. Heisey asks about curbs and stormwater
 - Mr. Kunz asks about underground infiltration “milkcrates”
 - there is discussion of previous plans and litigation and the status of previous plans (Plan J etc) as well as zoning and PRD
 - Ms. Garg asks about whether pumps as described have been built elsewhere
 - Mr. Kunz asks about a pump station in the plan that is no longer there
 - Mr. Kunz refers to new environmental impact assessment (doc is attachment: EIA_02-14-23 from 2/21 email) and says they will finalize review soon. He says EAC is not happy with it since it’s general and contradictory. There is debate between Mr. Kunz and Mr. Pohlig about the layout and design in the context of the EIA requirement for “alternatives”. Mr. Kunz suggests an alternative plan with fewer homes should be evaluated. Mr. Kunz indicates that the EIA is not sufficient and that EAC will generate a letter not recommending the project.
 - 8:20 Mr. Kunz describes specific issues with the EIA (from Memorandum dated February 23, 2023) including:
 - wildlife
 - visual resources
 - forest land

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- JD application (Reeves property only)
- wetlands impact; exceptional value status; wetland margins
- steep slopes (inadequate description of impact)
- noteworthy tree designations (Mr. Kunz suggests how to assess)
- White Horse Run / "unnamed" tributary; Mr. Kunz notes that it's protected and high quality but not mentioned in EIA
- red bellied turtles ; bog turtle environment/habitat
- mature woodlands
- reservoir quality
- EIA general purpose
- it is suggested that a motion will be made to approve the letter
- there is some discussion about the process of approving changes that Mr. Kunz will make
- it is decided to vote to approve the memo with revisions submitted later as an amendment
- Ms Garg makes motion and Mr. Heisey seconds
- memo approved unanimously ~8:45pm
- Mr. Pohlig asks if there is an example of an EIA for a project
 - there is discussion between Mr. Kunz and Mr. Pohlig and his associate regarding run-off and riparian buffers and noteworthy trees
- Mr. Pohlig asks about wetland margin 100ft vs 50ft; and Mr. Kunz responds. There is some confusion about when ordinances were changed. There is additional discussion about wetland boundaries and getting them confirmed. There is further debate and the role of PECO is discussed.
- Mr. Kunz notes the culvert and tying into pipe and cites it as an example of addressing something not specific to the property.
- Mr. Kunz and Mr. Pohlig debate the number of units and environmental impact.
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- o 7:45pm Mark Connolly starts presenting.
 - Mr. Connolly provides a history of his background and involvement with local townships and clean energy.
 - Mr. Connolly refers to clean energy resolutions and planning.
 - Mr. Connolly indicates that the Hares Hill school should be sustainable, which he then defines.
 - Mr. Connolly refers to several documents including a map and a questionnaire.
 - He indicates that he has submitted the questionnaire to the school board and hasn't received a response.
 - He notes that the school board will be at the stakeholder meeting tomorrow night.
 - There is some discussion among Mr. Connolly, present members of the BOS and EAC members as to the relevance of the school project to the township and the degree anyone in the township can act and in what role.

- **General EAC 2023**

- o Introduction/Meet and Greet Alternate: C. Aquilina (see above)

- **Reports/Updates for Ongoing Projects**

- o Township vehicle purchase- **LG**
 - Replacement of the 2015 Ford Escape
 - Ms. Getz postpones discussion.

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- o Bee City USA – KH-
 - Vote to approve annual fee for payment
 - motion is made to approve \$100 payment; motion is approved
- o Bird Town KH
 - Signs updates/photos- 6:45 March 28th.
 - Annual report requirements- complete
 - Ms. Hilyard talks about annual report; their feedback suggests more community engagement (possible Country Club meeting); promoting backyard habitat is recommended
 - there are some certifications that can be pursued; these are discussed
 - “nest watch”; can be posted on facebook; possible volunteer to monitor bluebird nestboxes; there are forms that can be filled out; possibly we can update signs
 - Ms. Getz and Ms. Hilyard have some brief discussion about signs.
 - 6 signs were ordered but Ms. Getz notes that they can’t go on PennDOT roads
 - a sign needs to be taken down
 - there will be a photo op at 6:45 before the next EAC meeting (with Bird Town sign)
- o Clean-up projects - EC
 - Spring
 - Saturday April 22nd 8-10am
 - Earl sent information out about the clean-up event.
 - Litter cameras discussion (AG & EC)- not to be discussed
- o Clean Energy: JM
 - Mr. Meyers notes that the “stakeholder” meeting involving Schuylkill, West Pikeland, and East Pikeland will take place March 1st at the East Pikeland township building.
 - There is brief discussion as to the nature of the event and who is expected to be in attendance.
- o DCNR Lawn conservation program
 - Discuss when to meet with representative?
 - Alyssa hasn’t responded yet but Ms. Hilyard will follow up.
- o Facebook
 - [Schuylkill Township EAC | Facebook](#)- not to be discussed, read and review only
- o Parks/Preserves
 - Pickering Preserve
 - Bluebird Boxes budget– EC- complete & look great, thanks Earl!!
 - o Ms. Getz notes that township should make purchases rather than EAC makes purchases and then get reimbursed
 - Mow plan updates – EC/JM- complete
 - o the plan is believed to be complete and ready to use
 - Redtail
 - o Plan to discuss in March/during walk with DCNR rep at Pickering Preserve
 - Valley Park KG
 - Meadow Mow plan
 - o Mowing completed in Feb.
 - o Next mow and annually thereafter in November
 - Tree Subcommittee KG
 - Free Tree Planting (Keystone 10M Program) event. Tentative dates 4/22 or 4/23
 - Tree Selection for planting at township admin building and parks
 - There is discussion about how to choose trees and when to have a walkthrough.

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- March 10th will be meeting to walk-through with Ms. Garg, Ms Guerrero, Mr. Heisey, Ms. Hilyard
- o Trails Committee- EC- not to be discussed
- o Treasurer's Report- TH
 - no expenses
- **Developments**
 - o University of Valley Forge – AG- not to be discussed?
 - o Reeves/Pohlig By-Right Development plan
 - See above under public presentations
 - o Wawa
 - no updates
- **New/Other Business**
 - o Next meeting March 28, 7 PM