

Mechanicsburg Environmental Advisory Council
June 11th, 2020 – 6:30 PM
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Keith Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. The following members were present, Chairman Thomas, Heidi Biggs (via phone), Joe Bucher, Mark Grosz, and Susan Richards. Harry Baker was absent. Also present were Councilman Pellman, Assistant Manager Boyer and Recycling Coordinator Arnold.

GUESTS/ PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no guests or public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 12, 2020

Joe Bucher made a motion to approve the minutes of March 12, 2020. Marc Grosz seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Electronics Recycling postcard was received at the Borough Office.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON

Councilman Pellman reported that Borough Council has been meeting via the Zoom Meeting platform. Councilman Pellman gave a brief review of the actions and discussions that Borough Council have had over the past few months during quarantine. Those discussions included Councilman Winchell's retirement and the open Council position, financial management by PFM, the Borough opposing the tipping fees by Penn Waste, and recognizing the opening of the compost facility.

REPORT OF RECYCLING COORDINATOR

Barbara Arnold, Recycling Coordinator, discussed the option of an Electronic Recycling Event in 2021. It was decided by the group to try and set a date with the Electronic Recycling company for an event in 2021 near Earth Day.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Community Garden

BUSINESS AGENDA

REFUSE CONTRACT

Recycling Coordinator Arnold discussed with the group the items that could be modified in the new contract that will be sent for pre-bid in July. Those items included toters for Borough residents, the recycling rebate, truck size, eligible recycling items, large item pick up, yard waste, appliance pick up, educational component, and bag options for the 123 residents within the Borough. The group discussed each item individually and decided to remove the truck size and the recycling rebate from the future contract. The group also decided to keep the bag option with the cost to remain at a maximum of \$7 per bag. The educational component, large item pick up, yard waste, and appliance pick up are to remain the same. The eligible items for recycling should be updated to reflect the most recent changes by Penn Waste. The contract will also be sent with a request for a bid with and without toters in the Borough.

Community Garden 2020

Keith Thomas updated everyone on progress at the garden. Thomas reported that some of the returning gardeners were disappointed with the lack of compost provided at the Community Garden. Assistant Manager Boyer apologized for the lack of compost. Thomas also reported that there is 1 plot that has not been touched all summer. Arnold said she would reach out to the gardener once again.

OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

NEXT MEETING: July 9th, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

Keith Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM