

LANSDOWNE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 6, 6:00-7:30 PM, BOROUGH HALL (hybrid)

I. ATTENDING: Dana Robinson (chair), Carol Martsolf (Borough Council liaison), Charlene Bennett, Eula Davis, Christine Dubois-Bauxbaum, Dale Harris. Two members of the public.

II. AGENDA: Dale Harris volunteered to take the minutes. In the future Dana will ask for a volunteer to take minutes and will do so himself if needed. The minutes for the April meeting were approved, as was the agenda for tonight's meeting.

III. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Borough Council Liaison: Carol thanked the EAC for their work on creating an Earth Day celebration for Lansdowne. Christine's organizing events with the library were especially appreciated. We were able to network with other organizations, all working for the benefit of Lansdowne residents. Carol Coster was also thanked for her work helping us create new flyers for the event.
2. 4/11/22 Environment, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting: Our resolution for Meatless Mondays was approved by the committee. Kelly Bowker is interested in helping us gather and post recipes on our website as well as the newsletter.
3. 4/6 and 4/20/22 Borough Council meetings:
 - A. Eula Davis was approved as a member of the EAC
 - B. The proposed "Food and the Planet" event was approved for June 25
 - C. The Meatless Monday resolution was approved.
4. 4/26/22 Comprehensive Task Force meeting: no report
5. Sustainability Conference: Carol Coster's flyers were in high demand. Three Zero Waste volunteers helped at our EAC table. Dale announced that there will be three public hearings coming up and she will send members the information.
6. Other meetings: Delco Ready for 100 will host Media's EAC at their next meeting on 5/16/22. Howard Sherman invited us to attend.
7. Carol introduced a very educational quiz regarding how much water it takes to create certain products. For example: it takes 10,855 liters of water to make one pair of jeans. She introduced this quiz, which she created, to her workplace in order to point out how precious water is as a resource and to emphasize the importance of conservation.

IV. REVIEW OF BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Review of agenda

B. EAC: Dale is organizing the Farmer's Market schedule and material including our new tent. We will table there on the first and third Saturday of every month, starting May 28. Dana will send out a Doodle Poll for signups.

C. Waste stream: Dale reported that the borough now gets \$33/ton income from our recycling. The Zero Waste team is researching what is expected of landlords, as residents of apartments report to us that they have no recycling bins on the premises. There are also no bins or igloos in public places. Also, her team will create a resolution regarding food scrap composting for the borough.

D. Climate Action Planning: Dana has not heard back from his request for borough assistance with creating and implementing a Climate Action Plan.

Howard Sherman was invited to present the letter he wrote to us related to issues of severe climate emergencies such as heat waves and flooding. He has been unable to find reference to borough plans for these emergencies. He would like our help in getting information to the public if there are plans in place, as well as to ensure such plans are in place if they are not now.

Dale mentioned that County Council and Mary Gay Scanlon's office announced community grants of \$25,000 available for various community projects. Eula agreed to contact the appropriate people and look into this whole issue further, as it might apply to emergency planning.

Dana will ensure that this topic comes up when we are discussing climate action planning

E. Environmental Education: Christine has plans in place with the library for 6 programs during the summer. She will also create a hands-on exercise for children at our table at the S.T.E.A.M. event May 21 at the 20th Century Club.

V. EARTH DAY EVENT: Dana reported that he would like us to follow through on contacts he has made there. The Director of Habitat for Humanity shared that they are building four new homes on Dudley Street in Lansdowne. Dana will develop a proposal for developing a joint event with Habitat featuring weatherization.

Mayor Magda Byrne would like to schedule a Town Hall this summer and is open to including a community conversation about climate and the environment.

Rev. Speakes of Bethel AME church would like to sit down with usw.

Dennis Rowan has expertise in Electric vehicles and charging stations. He would like to work more closely with us.

There were several young people who signed our tablet with their contact information. Dale will follow through with them once she gets their information from Dana.

VI. FOOD AND OUR PLANET EVENT: A committee was formed consisting of Carol Martsolf, Eula, and Christine. They will explore all the issues related to hosting such an event. First on their agenda will be a request to Borough Council to change the date to August 27. Tara Bledsoe, a community volunteer, would also like to be on this committee; Kelly Bowker will be contacted. Charlene and Christine will be co-conveners for this team.

VII. OTHER EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Christine will write an article for the June newsletter (due May 17) about baby animals found in our community. Dale will announce that we are tabling at the Farmer's Markets and drop by to chat.
2. The Penna. Resources Council will be holding an event at the library on composting at 6 pm on June 15. We are encouraged to attend.

Dale Harris