

EAC September Minutes

Wed. September 25th 2024

Attending

Chuck, Aaron, Joy, Stephen, Gail, Ben, Adam Thorpe, Brendan May, Alex, Patrick Eddis, Pat Hynes

Audience members: 5

Minutes

- Minutes - No additional updates to July & August minutes. Approved for publication. June minutes were posted today.
- Audience question - A pond expert for the algae bloom at Mermaid Pond.
- Penn Environment - Ellie Kerns - Gas powered landscaping equipment. PM2.5, NOX, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) emissions. Noise impact, hearing loss and other health issues.
 - Data used in study is only released every three years.
 - Penn Live Oct 30th 2023 [article](#).
 - Penn Environment [report](#).
 - There are restrictions in other states and municipalities, but none in PA.
 - Montgomery County Maryland [information](#) on their ban.
 - Other municipalities in PA, EAC's have been looking at it, but none have taken action yet.
 - Discussions on bringing EACs together on the issue to coordinate. Taking lead from plastic bag ban. Surveys are also an option to gauge interest and desire for this.
 - Places banning it, provide for a rebate/point of sale discount.
 - How would this be enforced? Based on reporting vs. someone going out for enforcement.
 - Article on California [ban](#), statewide as of Jan 1st 2024.
 - What is the school district position on their own lawn equipment use.
 - Schools - University of Pennsylvania has been all electric since 2018 ([article](#)). Drexel has recently gone all electric.
- Community Day Planning
 - Aaron/Stephen/Joy can bring and setup.
 - Will have coverage throughout the event.
 - No rain date for community day.
 - See if we can get color versions of Penn Environment fact sheet on Montgomery county impact.
- Agreement on getting name tags for EAC members for use at events.
- Stephen will put the updates into the minutes

- Township update
 - Adam Thorpe getting approved to the EAC.
 - Martin still working on research around Mosquito spraying
- Agreed to replace a November and December meeting to a single meeting December 4th at 7PM in the library.
 - Joy - check library availability and book the room
 - Stephen - Update Jamie to update the township website with the meeting change.

From Penn Environments [site](#) and study:

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania ✕	
State	Pennsylvania
CO2 (tons)	148,271.42
NOx (tons)	388.25
Fine particulates (PM 2.5, tons)	133.98
CO2 - equivalent number of cars	32,640
NOx - equivalent number of cars	173,616
PM 2.5 - equivalent number of cars	1,437,933