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**PRESENT**

<b>Derek Davis</b>	<i>Asst. Township Mgr.</i>	<b>Henry Alexander</b>	<i>Vice Chair</i>
<b>Ashley Gagne</b>	<i>Township Supervisor</i>	<b>Natalie Caruso</b>	<i>Member</i>
<b>John Hellmann</b>	<i>Township Supervisor</i>	<b>Susan Charkes</b>	<i>Member</i>
<b>Shaun Walsh</b>	<i>Township Supervisor</i>	<b>Cynthia Sheikh</b>	<i>Member</i>
		<b>Tinamarie Smith</b>	<i>Member</i>
		<b>Dorothy Verdon</b>	<i>Secretary</i>
		<b>Melanie Vile</b>	<i>Chair</i>

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The monthly meeting of the West Goshen Township (WGT) Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) convened virtually via GoToMeeting was called to order by Chair Melanie Vile (MV) at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2020. MV opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Tinamarie Smith (TS) made a **motion** to approve the October 27, 2020 meeting minutes as amended on November 9, 2020. Motion was seconded by Henry Alexander (HA). All were in favor and the motion carried.

**2. INITIATIVES**

As requested by TS, MV read the 12 initiatives aloud. TS volunteered to transfer the initiatives to an Excel spreadsheet with time frames prior to submission to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for their review, feedback and/or approval.

**3. UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM OCTOBER 27 MEETING**

MV offered the following updates on action items from the October meeting:

- A. MV and HA spoke with Christi Supple (Chair of East Goshen Sustainability Committee) and invited her to attend an upcoming WGT SAC meeting.
- B. MV asked TS to reach out to Borough of West Chester Sustainability Director Will Williams to invite him to a meeting to talk about biking.
- C. MV researched the PA Sustainable Communities process as well as the [Tree City USA](#) accreditation process and explained her findings to the SAC, suggesting that we might qualify for associate status on the latter. TS asked about application deadline. Shaun Walsh (SW) suggested the SAC get further along before we take this on. Ashley Gagne (AG) suggested we complete and submit the forms. No decision was reached.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF TRANSITION OF WGT MOTOR VEHICLES TO EVS**

- A. HA stated that the two main culprits of pollution generated by municipal governments were vehicles and sewage treatment plants.
- B. The WGT PD is purchasing two new vehicles in 2021. HA researched alternatives to gas vehicles: The Tesla Model 3 and Model Y, and the Dodge Charger. Although the capital cost is higher, lower operating costs negate first cost in 9 to 15 months.
- C. SW introduced Police Department Lt. Mike Carroll. Lt. Carroll expressed interest in pursuing an EV option in the future but thought it premature to pursue the Tesla now due to unavailability of interior alteration parts.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF TRANSITION OF WGT MOTOR VEHICLES TO EVS (Cont'd.)**

- D. HA stated that the deadline for receiving the \$7,500 tax rebate is December 11. Lt. Carroll expressed the need for more investigation regarding the ability and cost to customize a Tesla model. It was noted that Fremont, California, is testing the Model Y.
- E. Assistant Township Manager Derek Davis (DD) asked why the focus was on police vehicles instead of township administration vehicles. Aside from the two patrol cars budgeted, the third is a parks vehicle, likely a truck for which there is currently no EV or hybrid option.
- F. AG suggested that it may be easier and more practical to pursue Ford hybrids as a solution. Lt. Carroll volunteered to look into the option of purchasing one for 2021. HA volunteered to research cost of maintenance data against documented fuel savings.
- G. SW cautioned that only one hybrid vehicle would be possible at this time due to limited charging stations. He added that the township's electrical service is maxed out and would have to be upgraded to incorporate more charging stations.
- H. When questioned about the longevity of township patrol cars, Lt. Carroll confirmed a two- to three-year lifespan.

**5. ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC GROUP TO CONSIDER REVISIONS TO THE SOLAR ORDINANCE**

- A. HA stated that to encourage the increased development of renewable energy resources in the township, the township should review the solar ordinance (Section 84-57.17) with the intent of removing unnecessary restrictions on the installation of solar arrays.
- B. To conduct this review in an orderly manner, HA made a **motion** that an ad hoc group be established and convened to consider such revisions, and that this group should include representatives from the Planning Commission, township officials, and the SAC. TS seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. DD will poll members of the Planning Commission to see who is interested and available. HA and TS volunteered to represent the SAC.

**6. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION FOR TOWNSHIP COMMITMENT TO 100% GREEN RENEWABLE ENERGY**

- A. AG reported that 34 townships in the Philadelphia area have made similar resolutions, and shared info from [Lower Merion Township](#). She advocated for the resolution as a way to help drive the decision-making process. MV will look into it further.
- B. SW expressed mixed feelings about the usefulness of a resolution and encouraged pursuit of SAC initiative action items rather than passing a resolution. Susan Charkes (SC) and HA weighed in on the wisdom of learning more before presenting this to the BOS. SW encouraged the SAC to discuss pros and cons and justify any recommendation made.

**7. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

There was no public comment.

**9. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

TS made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. DV seconded and the motion carried.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the SAC is scheduled for Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. All meetings will be virtual until further notice.