

**West Goshen Township Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**December 22, 2020, 6:00 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

I pledge allegiance, to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic, for which it stands, One nation, under God, Indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**Agenda Items**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes for the November 24, 2020 SAC meeting (6:05-6:10 pm)
2. Update from Derik Davis: Establishment of Ad hoc Group to review the solar ordinance (Section 84-57.17) with the intent of removing unnecessary restrictions on the installation of solar arrays
3. Transition of WGT to EVS-Henry Alexander-volunteered to research maintenance costs vs fuel savings, and reported findings via email. Next Steps?
4. SALDO ordinances Update: Ashley Gagné
5. Improving biking along the Paoli Pike/Gay Street corridor
  - a. Tina Smith reached out to Will Williams to discuss but he has not responded
  - b. Suggestions?
6. Tree City Certification for West Goshen Township
  - a. Susan Charkes volunteered to lead effort
  - b. Shaun Walsh suggested we get further along before taking on
  - c. Ideas for celebrating Arbor Day/Earth Day April 2021 and beyond to keep our tree city status
7. Consideration of a resolution for WG Township Commitment to 100% Renewable Energy
  - a. SW expressed mixed feelings about the usefulness of a resolution and encouraged pursuit of SAC initiative action items rather than passing a resolution.
  - b. Susan Charkes (SC) and HA weighed in on the wisdom of learning more before presenting this to the BOS.
  - c. SW encouraged the SAC to discuss pros and cons and justify any recommendation made.
8. Plastic Bag Ban: Pennsylvania lawmakers used a budget-related bill to extend a current moratorium on such bans for at least a year.
  - a. The new provision, inserted into the fiscal code (HB1083) prohibits municipalities from enacting any fees or restrictions on all single-use plastics such as bags,

utensils or styrofoam containers. Ban effectively delays implementation of any current plastic bag bans such as those passed in Philadelphia, West Chester and Narberth, at least until July 1, 2021, or six months after Gov. Tom Wolf lifts his COVID-19 state of emergency.

- b. How/When to proceed?
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9. West Chester Area Clean Energy Future (WCA-CEF) Kick-off event, January 19, 2021
    - a. Background Information
    - b. Do we wish to post on West Goshen Media Sites?
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10. Next Meeting: January 26, 2021 at 6:00 pm
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11. Motion to Adjourn

## **Public Comment**