Pottstown Environmental Awareness Council

Minutes of March 22, 2021 Meeting (via on-line meeting)
Jim Derr, Katie Scanlan, Lisa Miller, Lynn Dewees

Call to order 3:30

1. Public Comments

2. Ongoing Issues
   - Sustainability Initiatives
     The EAC believes that it is time for Pottstown to declare support for sustainability and renewable resources. The state has a goal to reduce greenhouse gases. Municipalities in Pennsylvania have been moving towards supporting sustainability. Environmental Social Governance (ESG) has become a part of corporate culture.
     Bill Sabey, of Plymouth Township EAC provided an update. There are now 35 municipalities in the 5-county region that have made the commitment and 3 additional new. (Lower Merion, Gwynned, and Montgomery).
   - Environmental / Sustainability features for Pottstown
     The EAC believes that there may be opportunity for feature such as Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations in the downtown core, which would provide an incentive for good customers to come to Pottstown for shopping and dining.
   - Residential Chickens
     The EAC recognizes that backyard chickens present potential health and nuisance issues for neighbors and the community. But there are strong benefits for nutrition access and understanding of sources of our food. The EAC is supportive of the initiative to reconsider backyard chickens through a permit process in Pottstown.
   - Communication – We continue to maintain Pottstown EAC Facebook page.
   - Outreach & education info
     We discussed identifying several key places in Pottstown that might be walkable and do a map of to allow for a downtown walking tour that highlights some local sustainability initiatives.

3. New Business
   None

Next Meeting – April 26