



ORPC Oxford Region Planning Committee

Chair: Albert Jezyk Jr. Vice-Chair: Charles Fleischmann Treasurer: Robert Ketcham

May 2023 Meeting Report

Thank you David for hosting the May 2023 Zoom meeting and providing information for this meeting report

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 - 7:00 pm **Venue:** Zoom Video Conference

Voting Representatives: Joe Marra – East Nottingham Township; Albert Jezyk, Jr. – Elk Township; Noel Roy, Joel Brown – Lower Oxford Township; Bob Ketcham, Pauline Garcia Allen – Oxford Borough; Charles Fleischmann, Scott Rugen – Upper Oxford; David Ross – West Nottingham Township. All six municipalities were represented for the first time in a long time.

Membership News: Gary Onick resigned as CEO of East Nottingham and alternate for Joe Marra. Rachael Greer, formerly with Oxford Borough, filled the position vacated by Gary, and will serve as Joe Marra’s alternate. The Borough is actively seeking a replacement for Rachael.

Chair’s Report *Charles Fleischmann*

None at this time

Treasurer’s Report *Bob Ketcham*

Balance: \$1,395.40. On behalf of the ORPC Regional Volunteer EAC, the ORPC authorized Bob to spend up to \$100.00 on tabling at First Friday events. The primary focus of the tabling is to inform the Region about stormwater management issues.

Municipal Updates *Planning Committee*

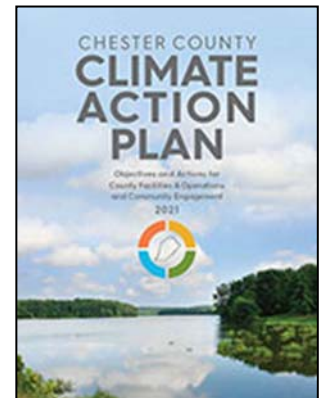
Upper Oxford They are preparing their stormwater ordinance and hope to approve it at their June meeting.

West Nottingham David believes that West Nottingham adopted their Stormwater Management Ordinance on May 23rd. The BOS accepted a study on the Route 272 Corridor that includes recommendations that can be implemented (as money becomes available) to complete safety and traffic-flow improvements. This study included looking at the 5 point intersection of 272, Barnsley, Media, Chrome, and Greenhouse roads (in East Nottingham). The consultant (TPD) were able to work with PennDOT to address drainage issues as they prepare to complete paving in that area.

Oxford Borough The Borough should have their Stormwater Ordinance on the agenda at their 2nd June Council meeting. The public comment period for their PRP is open until

May 30th than it will go to PaDEP. The 3rd and final conditional use hearing was held for the Moran tract (55+ age-restricted community) was held in May. The Borough's survey informing their ATP is online and a link is available on their website. An Open House is scheduled to inform the Borough's ZO/SLDO update on June 22nd by their consultant, Bergmann. The Comp Plan continues to move forward and the consultant (Mark) shared that they will be creating a 2nd draft in order to capture all of the feedback they have received from the Task Force and the Planning Commission. Pauline added that the Borough has been working with the Greater Brandywine YMCA to talk about emerging youth and community needs and to set up a meeting with community stakeholders in the future to talk about youth and community programming. Bob shared that the Oxford Library has implemented an exhibit in Oxford Memorial Park that represents a children's book whose pages are revealed as you walk through the Park. The story can be changed at any time at a rate of \$500.00 is anyone would like to contribute.

County Climate Action Plan Meeting – Bob and David mentioned a meeting that was held on May 4th that was hosted by the Rachael Griffith (County Sustainability Director). I spoke to Rachael and she said, I'm convening a "Local Government Climate Action Team" for elected officials and municipal managers that want to implement our Climate Action Plan, or to act on their own renewable energy goals. There was a kick-off meeting on 5/4 where we talked about what the group wanted to be, and I'm going to be sending a follow-up email to them this week. Oxford, West Nottingham, and Elk were well-represented in the meeting. Note: West and East Pikeland, Schuylkill, and West Vincent recently completed Clean Energy Transition Plans.



□ **ORPC Website** *Mark Gallant*

First and foremost, the website should be updated in the coming weeks with the most up-to-date materials including: the ORPC membership list, meeting reports, and annual reports and budgets. The subpage on the website is currently the "ORPC Stormwater Action Initiative" and has been included for the last several years as municipalities have been given the responsibility to address stormwater management. The group discussed the possibility of created a sub-page for the active sub-committees: The Regional EAC (Replacing the ORPC Stormwater Action Committee subpage) and the Historic Subcommittee. It was suggested that the sub-committees could provide a regular update to that can forwarded to the webmaster to keep the pages up-to-date. David suggested that we make sure that we keep the updates to the website "manageable."

It was also suggested that the Oxford Region include a Mission Statement on the website (and perhaps part of the update). Charles suggested that a mission statement can define what an organization does while limiting what they can do. The group agreed with Pauline that this is a “unique venue” to discuss issues that impact all communities in the Region.

Mark shared that keeping the website up to date will be prioritized during the update to the Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan. He also shared that the municipal websites should be updated, as necessary, to include a link to the ORPC website.

Regional Volunteer EAC Update *David Ross*

The EAC, working with the Brandywine Conservancy (BC), will install a native plant garden outside of OMI’s office on 3rd Street. This is one of many demonstration gardens that are being implemented by BC around the County. A group of high school students removed the existing plant materials and prepared the space for the native planting on Earth Day.

Public Input

None.

Website Updates: See for yourself:

<https://chescoplanning.org/municorner/projects/oxfordregion>

Next Meeting: June 28th