

**BOROUGH OF SHARPSBURG
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 17-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SHARPSBURG CREATING
AN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Sharpsburg deems it to be in the best interest and the general welfare of the citizens and residents of the Borough of Sharpsburg to be advised as to environmental issues within the Borough of Sharpsburg; to encourage sustainable design and the use of renewable energies, the protection and preservation of natural resources within the Borough of Sharpsburg and maintaining possible uses of open land in the Borough of Sharpsburg; and creating inventories of natural areas with unique features within the Borough of Sharpsburg.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Sharpsburg, that the Borough hereby establishes the Borough of Sharpsburg Environmental Advisory Council:

Section 1. CREATION

There is hereby established a Council to be known as the Borough of Sharpsburg Environmental Advisory Council.

Section 2. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Environmental Advisory Council shall serve in an advisory capacity for environmental information to the citizens of the Borough. To accomplish this purpose, the Environmental Advisory Council shall:

- a. Identify environmental problems, research solutions, and make recommendations to Borough Council;
- b. Recommend plans and programs to the appropriate agencies for the promotion and conservation of the natural resources and for the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment within the Borough of Sharpsburg and its surrounding areas;
- c. Make recommendations as to the possible use of open land areas and/or environmentally sensitive lands within the Borough of Sharpsburg and its surrounding areas;
- d. Promote community environmental programs;
- e. Keep an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including, but not limited to, flood prone areas, swamps, and other unique natural areas;

- f. Advise the appropriate local governmental agencies in the acquisition of property, both real and personal;
- g. Review subdivision and land development plans as appropriate;
- h. To assist in the creation of and maintain an environmental map of the Borough of Sharpsburg and its surrounding areas;
- i. Collaborate and cooperate with the Borough Shade Tree Commission and Planning Commission;
- j. Advise Borough Council upon issues of energy conservation;
- k. To undertake such environmental tasks as requested by Borough Council.

Section 3. MEMBERSHIP

The Environmental Advisory Council shall:

- a. Consist of a minimum of three (3) members, but not exceed nine (9) members, of which at least three (3) must be residents of the Borough, which may include the Mayor or Members of Borough Council;
- b. Be appointed by Borough Council;
- c. Serve a term of four (4) years without limit;
- d. Serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses necessary to conduct the responsibilities of the Environmental Advisory Council when authorized by Borough Council; and
- e. Elect annually a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and other officers as deemed necessary.

A vacancy on the Environmental Advisory Council shall be filled by appointment by Borough Council for the unexpired term. The Environmental Advisory Council may make recommendations to Borough Council for appointees for unfulfilled terms and for full terms on the Environmental Advisory Council. The Environmental Advisory Council may establish appropriate committees to assist with research, to lend expertise, and to perform other duties as assigned by the Environmental Advisory Council. Each committee shall be chaired by a member of the Environmental Advisory Council.

Section 4. MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held not less than once per quarter to conduct business of the Environmental Advisory Council. The Environmental Advisory Council shall keep records of its meetings and activities, submitting at least annual reports to Borough Council.

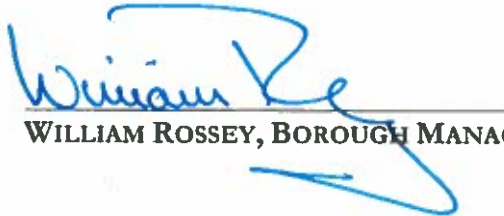
Section 5. ASSISTANCE AND BUDGET

In order to carry out its responsibilities, the Environmental Advisory Council may, with the prior consent of Borough Council, utilize any funds, personnel, or other assistance made available by the County, the Commonwealth, or Federal government, or any of their agencies, or from private sources. The Environmental Advisory Council may enter into agreements or contracts regarding the acceptance or utilization of funds or assistance in accordance with Borough procedures. The Environmental Advisory Council shall submit a proposed budget to Borough Council during the regular Borough budget process.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

WITNESS:


BOROUGH OF SHARPSBURG:


WILLIAM ROSSEY, BOROUGH MANAGER


KAREN PASTOR, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:


RICHARD C. PANZA, MAYOR


DATE