# Upper Merion Township Environmental Advisory Council Regularly Scheduled Meeting for November 19th, 2019

The Upper Merion Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its regularly scheduled meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: ABSENT:

Zach Davis, Chair Courtney Smith, Secretary

Alexandra Moulton Carol Ryan

Pepper Francis
David Newman
Kabindra Shakya
Brittany Grala
Janet Serfass, Staff Liaison
Carole Kenney, Supervisor

## **MEETING MINUTES:**

Mr. Newman moved to approve the October 2019 Meeting Minutes with Ms. Moulton seconding and all in favor.

### **ONGOING ITEMS:**

Rain Barrels and Compost Bins

Ms. Serfass has collected the raffle tickets and, with approval from the council, will pull the names of the winners.

# Community Education

While there has been little progress for the EAC, the Ready for 100 event featured many local and Philadelphia area business leaders and was very informative. Mr. Davis spoke with the head of the Philadelphia outreach for Ready for 100 who organizes townships to align with Ready for 100 and will forward that information along to the rest of the council.

# Ready For 100

Ms. Moulton has received the "framework" for the Conshohocken Ready For 100 taskforce, which she has reviewed and will be brought to Mr. Hamaday to discuss with township employees during his next staff meeting. The taskforce will include several township employees or local business leaders to work as advisors, while all other positions will be filled by volunteers.

Regarding the energy planner for the county, they are currently waiting on more municipalities to sign on in order to reduce individual costs. The council will be reaching out to West Chester and Radnor to see a general scope of the work being done by the energy planners they have worked with in order to get a better idea of what should be done in Upper Merion Township.

#### Educational Outreach

Ms. Francis noted that the educators at her school are not easy to approach regarding creating any environmental clubs or taskforces, so Ms. Kenney said she would reach out to her educational contact. In

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addition, Ms. Serfass suggested that the schoolboard may be able to piggyback off of the Ready For 100 initiative, which will be mentioned to the schoolboard.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

Additional Funding

Mr. Shakya mentioned that he'd received information regarding two funding opportunities which the EAC could apply for, with the chances of winning being very high considering an EAC has not won previously. He will be forwarding information to the rest of the council to determine viability.

# EAC Network Conference

In January, the EAC Network Conference will be taking place in Upper Merion Township. Ms. Moulton is in contact with the organizers and will provide updates regarding the specific dates, times, and locations.

## ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Newman moved to adjourn which was seconded by Ms. Moulton with all in favor.

	Zach Davis, Chair
Minutes Approved:	_
Minutes Entered:	_