Upper Merion Township Environmental Advisory Council Regularly Scheduled Meeting for August 12th, 2020

The Upper Merion Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its regularly scheduled meeting on August 12th, 2020 via WebEx (due to COVID-19.) The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pepper Francis, Student Liaison

ATTENDANCE: ABSENT:

Zach Davis, Chair Alexandra Moulton, Vice-Chair Janet Serfass, Staff Liaison Carole Kenney, Board Liaison Kabindra Shakya Carol Ryan David Newman Louise Willis

MEETING MINUTES:

Ms. Moulton made a motion to approve the July 8th, 2020 meeting minutes with Ms. Willis seconding and all in favor.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Electronics Recycling Event

Ms. Moulton has reached out to the PAR group regarding electronics recycling but has not heard back from them, so she suggested that the idea be tabled until a later date when the council has less on its plate.

Ready for 100

The Chester County RF100's 12-week series of 90-minute seminars (held remotely) about how to effectively transition a community to renewable energy by 2035 has had two seminars so far which were attended by Mr. Davis, Mr. Shakya, Ms. Willis, and the UMT Public Works Director Geoff Hickman. The meetings broke down the different types of entities and individuals who should be involved and the types of roles they would take on as well as the type of information the council should be providing or seeking from those parties.

Some of the first steps to be taken will be to establish the township's energy consumption (which will be obtained via release form from PECO) and what the township is currently doing to move towards the RF100 goals, compile a list of stakeholders within the township to reach out to for involvement (businesses, schools, community leaders), and develop an outline of talking points, information, and questions for stakeholders when the council is ready to begin reaching out to them. Mr. Davis will be sending out a general overview of the information, action items that councilmembers should take on, and any additional details from the seminars he has available.

It was suggested that between monthly meetings the council hold unofficial calls or create an email chain that can be for overviews and discussions of the weekly seminars to keep everyone informed on the subject matter being covered.

NEW BUSINESS:

Compost Bins

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There are several leftover compost bins available if anyone hears of any potential need for them in the future.

New Members

There have been three applicants to become new members and interviews being scheduled. Ms. Kenney is hopeful that they will have a new member by the next meeting.

As no one has heard from Ms. Francis, Ms. Kenney will reach out to her mother to see if she's still interested in being involved this upcoming year.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Newman moved to adjourn the meeting with Mr. Shakya seconding and all in favor.

	Zach Davis, Chair	
Minutes Approved:		
Minutes Entered:	<u> </u>	