

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
December 20, 2011

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on December 20, 2011, in the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m., followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

The following members of the EAC were present: Chris Kaasmann, Vivian Peikin, Sandy Moskowitz, Ed Campbell, Greg Waks, Board of Supervisors Liaison Joseph Bartlett, and Staff Liaison Janet Serfass.

The following members of the EAC were absent: Janet Medrow, Lewis Luchie, and Sal Sonsino.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 11/15/11 by Ed Campbell, and seconded by Vivian Pekin. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

The EAC discussed moving the upcoming Residential Energy Efficiency Forum from January to February. A motion was made by Sandy Moskowitz, seconded by Ed Campbell, and passed unanimously. They discussed inviting a representative from energy works to the next EAC meeting. The council members would also like energy works to provide a presentation, contractors/vendors, and have a resident of Upper Merion Township share their successful energy audit experience. Brief discussions were held on a potential ban on incandescent light bulbs and how it could be included in the forum. Public Relations Efforts were also touched on such as emails, newsletters, press releases, and interviews with EAC members.

Mr. Kaasmann also announced that the Environmental Education Grant has been applied for in the amount of \$3000.00 for the rainwater collection garden demonstration, and educational materials etc. The council will know if they received the grant by Earth Day and would like to announce their efforts at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Kaasmann explained that Montgomery County offered its municipalities the opportunity to host collection containers for recyclable electronics. A letter of recommendation was distributed for the EAC's approval to be submitted as a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to obtain one. A motion was made by Ed Campbell, seconded by Vivian Peikin, and passed unanimously.

On behalf of the EAC Chris Kaasmann also said a thank you and farewell to outgoing members Joseph Bartlett and Lewis Luchie.

LIAISON'S COMMENTS:

Janet Serfass reminded the council that a reorganization date was set for January 17th. The council also decided to keep their meetings on every third Tuesday of the month at 7:15pm for the 2012 calendar year. Ed Campbell made the motion, Sandy Moskowitz seconded it, and all were in favor. Janet also handed out PA Environmental Council materials and information from PADEP in reference to Upper Merion Township.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved: 01/17/2012

Minutes Entered: 01/24/2012