

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
October 18, 2011

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on October 18, 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, Lewis Luchie, Sal Sonsino, Vivian Peikin, Ed Campbell, Board of Supervisors Liaison Joseph Bartlett, and Staff Liaison Janet Serfass.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 9/20/11 by Vivian Peikin, and seconded by Lewis Luchie. Ed Campbell abstained. Motion passed 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Kaasmann commented that he and Mr. Luchie met with some of the Board of Supervisors and the Township Manager in reference to the EAC using forums to educate township residents on eight of the ten topics the council had chosen at the last EAC meeting. The EAC will be partnering with the ECDC to complete some of the forums (such as those with commercial interests.) These sessions will be an hour and a half in length, host guest speakers, and will possibly be aired on UMGA-TV. The forums were tentatively scheduled as follows: January's focus will be energy efficiency, April's will be renewable energy, June will focus on recycling hard to dispose of items such as electronics, and October's session will reference stormwater issues and impacts.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council discussed Joe McDowell's monthly EPA progress report. They also discussed an opportunity to apply for the PA Department of Environmental Protection environmental education grant, and must notify the DEP of their intent by mid-November.

LIASONS COMMENTS:

Janet Serfass reported that she had formally requested a budget of five hundred dollars on behalf of the EAC. She also asked if the previous month's minutes were acceptable and explained to the Council that they were posted to the township website as well as included in the Board of Supervisors' packets.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved: 11/15/11
Minutes Entered: _____