

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on September 21, 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, Janet Medrow, Lewis Luchie, Sal Sonsino, Vivian Peikin, and Staff Liaison Janet Serfass.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 5/17/11 by Lewis Luchie, and seconded by Sal Sonsino. Motion passed 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kaasmann commented that Janet Medrow did a great job with the EAC display inside the township building. He also mentioned that the EAC could not attend the community fair because it was canceled and rescheduled to the following weekend.

The council discussed a meeting held with the Board of Supervisors on August 18<sup>th</sup> in reference to its seeking direction. Ideas were discussed with the board in reference to publicity through educating the community about environmental issues (possibly holding town halls pertaining to energy audits, stormwater issues and other environmental impacts), reflecting on the EAC's mission statement, and being more proactive by discussing superfund sites quarterly to make sure they do not need further attention. The Board commented that 2010's EAC projects turned out wonderfully.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Members of the EAC met with the Economic and Community Development Committee in reference to forming partnerships to work on projects such as promoting energy efficiency among business and industries.

The council also discussed potential projects pertaining to: energy efficiency in residential and commercial buildings, single hauler versus private subscription recycling services, stormwater management issues, the Marcellus Shale, residential and commercial renewable energy, "Greening Your Yard", residential indoor air quality, outdoor air quality in Upper Merion Township, and hard to dispose of products.

The EAC would like to ask the township for a budget of \$500 for supplies and other items. The chairman will provide a justification to the liaison for submission to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Motion by Vivian seconded by Janet all voted aye.

### **LIASONS COMMENTS:**

Janet Serfass asked for RSVP's for the citizen's board luncheon (attending are Mr. and Mrs. Luchie, Mr. and Mrs. Sonsino, Vivian Peikin, Janet Medrow and Janet Serfass. A reply is still needed from Ed Campbell and Sandy Moskowitz.) Ms. Serfass also asked for a way to contact the council, emails will be sent to the chairman to be distributed to the rest of the members.

Janet Serfass also asked the council for permission for the township to record EAC meetings. A motion was Made by Vivian Peikin, and seconded by Janet Medrow. Motion passed 5-0.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.

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Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved: 10/18/11

Minutes Entered: 10/25/11