# ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC) JANUARY 19, 2016

The members of the Environmental Advisory Council assembled for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at Upper Merion Township, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### **ATTENDANCE**

Ed Campbell Sal Sonsino John Weilnau Steven Burda, Vice-Chairman Kathryn Vaccaro Janet Serfass, Staff Liaison Christopher Kaasmann

# <u>ABSENT</u>

Ed Campbell Greg Waks, Board Liaison Sandra Moskowitz

### **REORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE 2016**

John Weilnau, Chairman Ed Campbell Christopher Kaasmann, Vice-Chairman Kathryn Vaccaro, Secretary Sal Sonsino Sandra Moskowitz Greg Waks, Board Liaison Janet Serfass, Staff Liaison

# MEETING SCHEDULE & REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE APPROVAL

On a motion made by Sal Sonsino, seconded by Kathryn Vaccaro with all voting "aye" the meeting will continue to be held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the Henderson Room and the new reorganization committee for 2016 was approved. None opposed.

### MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion made by Sal Sonsino, seconded by Kathryn Vaccaro with all voting "aye" the meeting minutes of December 15, 2015 were approved. None opposed.

## OLD BUSINESS

#### TREE MULCH

Park & Shade evaluated the amount of mulch distributed to protect the trees. The mulch is being spread in a proper and safe amount, with no damage or harm to the trees in accordance with township guidelines.

# WATER DISPENSERS (FOLLOW-UP)

Kate Vaccaro volunteered to contact Dan Russell regarding the Water Dispensers, cost and positioning (unit placed inside or outside) maintenance etc. The units purchased were for the inside only, however, units for the outside could be purchased for additional funds, so the Committee will continue to monitor and research what would be in the township's best interest.

# EARTH DAY

The Committee is discussing several activities for this upcoming event.

#### **WEATHER** (ICE MELT – UPDATE)

Janet noted, on the township's Facebook page in the Public Works Department titled "Snow Guidelines from the DEP" is listed and is full of helpful information for township residents regarding weather, leaf collection etc.

### **SCHUYLKILL ACTION NETWORK** (UPDATE)

The Committee will discuss with the Board of Supervisors hosting a workshop for the Schuylkill Action Network for the MS4 Program, with a joint effort meaning the Township and the Schuylkill Action Network work together to help fulfill the MS4 outreach needs.

### NEW BUSINESS

The Committee will continue to converse on the "weed ordinance" regarding the exemption for meadows.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Kate Vaccaro, seconded by Chris Kaasmann, with all voting "aye", the meeting was adjourned.

John Weilnau, Chairman

Minutes Approved: Minutes Entered: