

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
AUGUST 16, 2016**

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on August 16, 2016 in the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**ATTENDANCE:**

John Weilnau, Chairman  
Katherine Vaccaro, Secretary  
Sal Sonsino  
Sandra Moskowitz  
Brittany Grala  
Greg Waks, Board Liaison  
Janet Serfass, Staff Liaison

**ABSENT:**

Christopher Kaasmann

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

John Weilnau asked if there was a motion to approve the July 19, 2016 meeting minutes. Katherine Vaccaro motioned for their approval. Sandy Moskowitz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**BCA Grant Extension / BCA Grant for Rain Barrels:**

John Weilnau reiterated the EAC's receipt of a \$2500 grant from the Board of Community Assistance for a rain barrel educational seminar/give away. Krista Scheirer's presentation is expected to take about forty-five minutes.

**The Farmer's Market "Green Day" on Saturday, September 10:**

John plans to attend the "Green Day" event that promotes environmentally-responsible behavior. He will arrive by 10 a.m. and will need a table to advertise the EAC's upcoming seminar on September 17 and to hand out storm water-related materials. Janet suggested contacting Lydia Dan Sardinas for a table and their flyer. Members suggested informing our barrel vendor, Camel's Hump, of the event to display their rains barrels.

**Selected barrel vendor:**

Camel's Hump quoted John a price of \$65 per barrel with free delivery. Thirty-eight tax-free barrels will be ordered. Camel's Hump is interested in being a guest speaker on September 17 and may have handouts. Janet offered to request a check and asked a copy of Camel's Hump's invoice. Contact Lydia to request tables for September 17.

**Seminar/Give-away on Saturday, September 17:**

John will set up a station at 10:00 am. Katherine will be available. Sandy Moskowitz will be available in the morning.

**Registration, reservations, and advertisement details:**

Registration will be done on-line. The seminar will be held indoors. Janet offered to reserve a room and will arrange to have the seminar taped. To advertise the event, Janet asked for a flyer to forward to Gerri Vattimo and Allison Pimm.

**Weed Ordinance/Meadow update:**

With no updates at this time, John tabled the discussion until September 20.

**Item to add to Parks & Rec's Master Plan:**

Bottle Refill Kiosks:

Greg Waks stated that bottle refill kiosks are very popular. The two at the Community Center have an indicator that shows how many bottles have been saved. One is in the low 40's; the other is in the high 30's; and that's just from the workers filling up their water bottles. Bottle refill kiosks will be addressed at the next EAC meeting.

**Township Solar Panel Feasibility:**

John is awaiting a response from Sally Slook regarding our application to the Solsmart Community Designation Program.

**Updating EAC's "Goals":**

A discussion resulted in the following Mission Statement: "Assist the community and advise the Township's Boards of Supervisors." Kate Vaccaro will circulate a re-draft of the EAC's goals for review.

**Confirm the township's "OK" of the EAC's Facebook page:**

John will await Allison Pimm's reply.

**Open EAC position:**

To be discussed by the Board of Supervisors.

**Student Position:**

Chris Kaasmann will reach out to school administrators.

**Hazardous Waste Disposal Event:**

Pending a discussion with Lockheed Martin.

**Trash cans at bus stops - no recycling:**

New trash cans have been installed at several bus stops on Route 202. The contact person at Clear Channel, the radio broadcaster who built and maintains bus stations, is Ashley Nuckles. Her address is 1012 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., King of Prussia, PA 19406. A draft of the letter to Clear Channel will be sent to Dave Kraynik for review. Members will be copied on it.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS:**

Greg Waks reported that:

- The Safety and Codes Dept. received a grant.
- The Upper Merion Utility Municipal Authority is now the Upper Merion Sanitary and Stormwater Authority.
- The Schuylkill Action Network is presenting what we and they can do to prevent some of our commercial "friends" from dumping their waste, specifically grease, into the sewers or anywhere else other than where it should be.

**LIAISON'S COMMENTS:**

Janet reported that:

- The Safety and Codes Dept. got a grant for an electronic recycling event that will occur this fall.
- The township received a grant, in combination with the Conservation District, for some stream signs that the township will install and medallions that will be installed on private properties. The Schuylkill Action Network will present a work plan at the Board of Supervisors' Workshop in Freedom Hall at 7 pm on August 25.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Greg Waks asked members to save Sunday, November 6, for the Citizen Board Appreciation Luncheon, scheduled for noon at Maggiano's. Spouses are welcome. Please RSVP Angela Caramenico.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

In response to John's question, Sandy motioned for an adjournment. Kate seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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John Weilnau, Chairman

Minutes Approved: September 20, 2016

Minutes Entered: September 22, 2016