

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2012

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on August 21, 2012, 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.

ROLL CALL:

The following members of the EAC were present: Chris Kaasmann, Vivian Peikin, Sal Sonsino, Dan Yarnall, Janet Medrow, Upper Merion Area High School Student Member Smriti Chauhan, Board of Supervisors Liaison Greg Waks, and Staff Liaison Janet Serfass.

The following members of the EAC were absent: Sandy Moskowitz, Ed Campbell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 7/17/12 by Mr. Sonsino, and seconded by Mr. Yarnall. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Kaasmann announced that Mr. Yarnall, Ms. Moskowitz, and himself will be presenting a follow up to the hauling forum to the Board of Supervisors in the near future.

Ms. Serfass has set up two meetings with contractors to look at the Heuser Park site for the rain barrel installation, however the project cannot commence until the grant funds have been received. She also explained that the stormwater forum will not be able to be held on October 8th because the speakers were unable to attend. Mr. Sonsino made a motion to change the date to October 15th, and Mr. Yarnall seconded, all were in favor. The EAC will be bringing rain barrels and compost bins to raffle off to this event and will be in contact with the school district to send materials to them as well.

Mr. Kaasmann reported that the township is already purchasing electronics that are energy efficient and contain the least possible hazardous materials qualifying them for the state electronics challenge if the staff has the resources to comply with this initiative. Mr. Yarnall made a motion to look into becoming a member of the State Electronics Challenge and Ms. Peikin seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Kaasmann also announced that the community fair will be held on September 8th, and the EAC discussed raffling off items as well as handing out education materials. A reservation for two tables and easels still need to be reserved with the Park and Recreation Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kaasmann explained that the second electronics collection event is scheduled for October 6th, but WeRecycle may be out of business as of the first. This decision has been given verbally, but no formal notifications have been made as of yet. The EAC will look into using another electronics recycling company at no cost to the township.

It was mentioned that other municipalities hold green festivals alongside of their farmers markets. A motion was made by Mr. Yarnall to have Mr. Kaasmann approach Dan Russell in reference to combining the Earth Day celebration with the kickoff of the Farmers Market. Janet Medrow seconded this motion and all were in favor. Mr. Kaasmann also announced that Ed O'Brien, the Public Works Director, applied for assistance through the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission to reduce energy costs.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved: _____

Minutes Entered: _____