

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**June 19, 2012**

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on June 19, 2012, in the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m., followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL:**

The following members of the EAC were present: Chris Kaasmann, Ed Campbell, Vivian Peikin, Janet Medrow, Board of Supervisors Liaison Greg Waks, and Staff Liaison Janet Serfass.

The following members of the EAC were absent: Sal Sonsino, Dan Yarnall, and Sandy Moskowitz.

Also in attendance was Lydia Dan-Sardinas of the Economic and Community Development Committee.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 5/15/12 by Ed Campbell, and seconded by Vivian Pekin. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kaasmann asked the EAC members to try and make more of an effort to attend and participate in EAC functions. He also explained that the residential turnout was low for the last EAC forum. The council discussed methods of publication and their effect on the community's participation, and decided not to cancel the last forum. The members discussed creating an informational packet for the Board of Supervisors in reference to single hauler trash pickup, cost saving options and environmentally conscious trash hauling choices. Ms. Dan-Sardinas asked the EAC to inform her if they would like to partner with the ECDC for the next forum. Ms. Serfass explained that 208 people attended the electronics recycling event and an entire tractor trailer load of electronics was collected. It was mentioned that issues with traffic control will need to be addressed before the next electronics recycling event.

Mr. Waks explained that Mr. Yarnall visited the high school in reference to the open EAC high school liaison opening. He also explained that one application was received and that the applicant will be interviewed shortly.

Mr. Kaasmann and Ms. Serfass explained that the proper paperwork for the rain barrel grant was sent to the D.E.P. and that accessible locations will need to be discussed with Dan Russell and Jay Kowal. The EAC also has purchased three rain barrels and one compost bin to be raffled off, for the cost of \$45.00.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The EAC discussed the stormwater management forum that will be held in October. Ms. Serfass explained how this forum could also contain information on the township's MS4 program. Mr. Kaasmann suggested that those interested in participating on the Earth Day Planning committee contact Dan Russell in the Park and Recreation Department. He also

mentioned that he would be sending links to the EAC members about sustainable food and the language behind grocery labels.

**LIAISON'S COMMENTS:**

Ms. Serfass asked that all EAC members please reply to all to avoid confusion in email communications as well as further explaining the MS4 program.

Mr. Waks commented that the Media Communications Advisory Board is currently looking into an electronic sign to publicize township events, and how this could be advantageous to the EAC.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47pm.

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Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved: 7/17/12

Minutes Entered: 7/18/12