

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**May 15, 2012**

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on May 15, 2012, 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, Sal Sonsino, Vivian Peikin, Dan Yarnall, Board of Supervisors Liaison Greg Waks, and Staff Liaison Janet Serfass.

The following members of the EAC were absent: Ed Campbell, Janet Medrow, 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 4/17/12 by Sal Sonsino and seconded by Dan Yarnall. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kaasmann initiated a discussion recap recent EAC events and projects. Mr. Waks commented that the environmental cleanup near The Factory went well, however there is still more work that needs to be done on the other side of the river. He mentioned that several tires, carts, pieces of glass, and sheet metal were found, and that the Board of Supervisors will be looking into finding another scout to take on the rest of the project.

Mr. Yarnall explained that Earth Day went well and was very informative; however the EAC should collaborate with other groups to advertise earlier in the future. The EAC discussed the potential of an Earth Day committee organized by Park and Recreation Department and how they could get more involved in the planning process for the event.

Mr. Kaasmann thanked everyone for their participation in the joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors. He also announced that the hazardous waste recycling event did well with 707 visitors. Ms. Serfass explained that the electronics recycling event on June 2nd will have to be held at Heuser Park due to logistical reasons, and that the recycling coordinator will be taking over the event, however EAC members will still be needed that day. Ms. Serfass also mentioned that flyers should be made to promote the electronics collections and the EAC could hand out other educational materials such as stormwater flyers. Ms. Dan- Sardinas offered to send promotional materials to her contacts and asked that if the EAC wanted the event advertised on the farmer's market website, to contact Supervisor Kenney.

Mr. Kaasmann announced that speakers are being lined up for the upcoming recycling forum including; a representative from Republic Services that deals with private subscription as well as municipal contracts, a solid waste specialist from Gannett Fleming who assists municipalities with contracts and bids, as well as the Public Works Director from Plymouth Township who operates their own trash collection.

Ms. Peikin reported that the DEP Education Grant was awarded to the EAC and that a location would have to be picked to hold the rain barrel event. Ms. Serfass recommended

coordinating with Dan Russell and Jay Kowal with the final location of the project to avoid any potential concerns. The EAC decided to purchase three rain barrels and a composter totaling two hundred dollars on a motion made by Vivian Peikin, and seconded by Dan Yarnall.

**LIAISON'S COMMENTS:**

Mr. Waks explained that he has not yet heard from the Upper Merion School District in reference to the student position open on the EAC.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

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Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved: 06/19/12

Minutes Entered: 06/20/12