

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
March 20, 2012

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on March 20, 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, Ed Campbell, Sal Sonsino, Janet Medrow, Dan Yarnall, and Staff Liaison Janet Serfass.

The following members of the EAC were absent: Vivian Peikin, Sandy Moskowitz, and Board of Supervisors Liaison Greg Waks.

Also in attendance were Lydia Dan-Sardinas of the Economic and Community Development Committee and Greg Philips of the Board of Supervisors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 2/21/12 by Sal Sonsino, and seconded by Janet Medrow. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Kaasmann reported that the next environmental presentation is scheduled for April 9th and will reference renewable energy. The EAC and the ECDC are working to schedule John Leshner from the Montgomery County Planning Commission, Jaquelin Camp (a homeowner that uses geothermal energy), as well as either a representative from the UGI Corporation (a green business), or someone from PECO Energy as speakers for the presentation. The committees will also be coordinating efforts to create and distribute press releases and flyers.

The EAC members discussed earth day initiatives, and the possibility of offering Eagle Scout Jamie Shelton an opportunity to join the group to recruit volunteers to help with his cleanup of the woods behind the Factory. They discussed ideas such as rain barrels, handing out seedlings, as well as distributing information regarding electronics recycling and drug take back days on earth day.

Ms. Serfass also reported that after speaking with the township manager and the Board of Supervisors that it would be more beneficial to host two electronics collections events instead of becoming a permanent collection site. These events will be held during the farmers market and will take place in June and October. A motion was made by Ed Campbell to submit a revised recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to this effect, Sal Sonsino seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Ms. Serfass also explained that the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution for the EAC to have a non-voting high school student sit on the committee. The township will notify the school district of this opportunity.

NEW BUSINESS:

A household hazardous waste collection will be held at Upper Merion Middle School on May 12th, an electronics collection will be held at Norristown High School on May 5th, and the DEA drug take back day will be held on April 28th.

LIAISON'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Serfass announced that both timeslots are booked for the upcoming April 9th EAC presentation, and reminded the EAC members that they do have a budget if they are in need of supplies. She explained that the joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors will be held on April 23rd from 8:30-9:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved: 04-17-12

Minutes Entered: 04-18-12