

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
September 17, 2012

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on September 17, 2012, in the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:21 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, Dan Yarnall, Sandy Moskowitz, Economic and Community Development Chairperson Lydia Dan-Sardinas, Board of Supervisors Liaison Greg Waks, and Staff Liaison Janet Serfass.

The following members of the EAC were absent: Janet Medrow, Ed Campbell, Vivian Peikin, and Upper Merion Area High School Student Member Smriti Chauhan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 8/21/12 by Sandy Moskowitz, and seconded by Sal Sonsino. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Moskowitz mentioned that the signs and layout at community day were difficult to follow. She also explained that some residents expressed interest in becoming EAC members. The EAC picked the winners of the drawings held on community day; Nancy Brown won the rain barrel and Ken Seymour won the compost bin.

Ms. Serfass confirmed that there will be three speakers attending the stormwater forum, including the engineer from the Home Depot project, someone from the DEP, and someone from the Conservation District. Speakers will get twenty minutes each, and there will be a ten minute period to take questions. Ms. Serfass also explained that she has met with contractors for the Rain Garden Demonstration, and has received one quote for twenty four hundred dollars. The official grant acceptance package has been received and the EAC will have to send a request back to receive the money up front.

Mr. Kaasmann will be writing a letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending participation in the State Electronic Challenge, which will also be adopted by Montgomery County. He also recommended that the township continue with electronics collection and recycling. The township electronics collection event is scheduled for October 6th, and Ms. Serfass suggested that the EAC ask for fire police assistance with directing traffic.

The EAC members went through a preview of the Hauling Systems Presentation to be brought to the Board of Supervisors October 4th workshop meeting. The EAC will recommend; exploring the option of municipal collection, obtaining a request for proposals to obtain prices to see what the cost of single company hauling would be and, investigating if privatizing leaf collection would be more efficient and cost effective.

NEW BUSINESS:

The EAC meeting scheduled for October 16th has been cancelled on a motion made by Dan Yarnall and seconded by Sandy Moskowitz. All were in favor.

Ms. Serfass reminded the EAC members that the citizen board luncheon will be held on October 14th, and that RSVP's were still needed.

Ms. Serfass also asked if the EAC would need another five hundred dollar budget for the 2013 season, a motion was made by Sal Sonsino, but no official vote was taken by the council.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm.


Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Edmund J. Campbell Jr.
Vice Chairman

Minutes Approved: 11-20-12

Minutes Entered: 11-27-12