

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
April 17, 2012

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on April 17, 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, Vivian Peikin, Sandy Moskowitz, Janet Medrow, Dan Yarnall, Board of Supervisors Liaison Greg Waks, and Staff Liaison Janet Serfass.

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 3/20/12 by Sal Sonsino, and seconded by Sandy Moskowitz. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Kaasmann reported that attendance was low for the second energy forum during both the afternoon and evening sessions. After a discussion among the EAC members and Lydia Dan-Sardinas of the ECDC, it was decided to change the subject of the third forum from recycling to an informational review of the environmental and community impacts of using private trash haulers versus a single township wide trash hauler. Ed Campbell made the motion to change the topic with a second from Sandy Moskowitz, and all were in favor. The council also decided to eliminate the day session and make the due date for drafts of press releases and advertisement materials April 27th so they could be submitted in a timely manner.

Mr. Kaasmann asked the EAC members to participate in the township's Earth Day celebration on April 21st. The council would like to use flyers from the past energy forums, a sign-up sheet for volunteers interested in future nature cleanups, and pictures from the EAC's ventures over the last year. Mr. Kaasmann also reported that the joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for April 23rd, the DEA drug take back day is scheduled for April 28th, a hazardous waste event at the Upper Merion Middle School will be held May 12th, as well as announcing that the electronics collection events will be held at the farmers market in June and October.

Mr. Kaasmann explained that several high school students are interested in the EAC position but no applications have been received. He also explained that the DEP grants would be announced and distributed shortly after earth day.

LIAISON'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Serfass explained that she will be meeting with We Recycle representatives to discuss the logistics of the electronics collections, and that the EAC banner has been hung in the township building.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved: 05/15/2012

Minutes Entered: 05/16/2012