

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
January 8, 2014

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on January 8, 2014 in the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

REORGINIZATION:

Chairman: On a nomination by Vivian Peikin, Chris Kaasmann was nominated as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Ed Campbell and passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman: On a nomination by Vivian Peikin, Ed Campbell was nominated as Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Sal Sonsino and passed unanimously.

Secretary: On a nomination by Kate Pietrowski, Vivian Peikin was nominated as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Ed Campbell and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ed Campbell to hold monthly EAC meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm in conference room 101 of the Upper Merion Township Building. The motion was seconded by Sal Sonsino and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 11/13/13 by Vivian Peikin, and seconded by Sal Sonsino. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Kaasmann reported that rain barrels have not been purchased and that the remaining funds in the EAC budget from 2013 can no longer be used. The EAC discussed the potential for piggybacking off of Lower Merion Township EAC's rain barrel program. Mr. Campbell made a motion to ask the Board of Supervisors to display a rain barrel in the Township Building. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sonsino and all were in favor. The EAC members also expressed interest in purchasing rain barrels from Montgomery County at a discounted rate if such a program is offered again in 2014.

Mr. Kaasmann also reported that the Board of Supervisors received a presentation from Dave Kraynik on 12/2/13 regarding the township's findings in relation to trash hauling. The Board would like the EAC to gauge the interest of township residents. A draft survey was created by Mr. Kaasmann for the EAC to comment on by the next meeting so that it can be presented to the Board of Supervisors at their March workshop meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The EAC discussed the possibility of having interesting stormwater facts displayed on the township TV station along with advertisements. It was also mentioned that the EAC should begin thinking about their involvement in Earth Day activities.

LIAISON'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Serfass asked that the EAC members let her know if any of their contact information has changed. She also commented that the EAC will have to remain focused on the Township MS4 Permit requirements and stormwater program and that there is an interest in coordinating another electronics recycling event.

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Waks commented that the Board of Supervisors would like to see as much feedback as possible from the township residents in reference to trash hauling and also recommended that the EAC members show their support for the initiative at the March 6th workshop meeting. Mr. Waks also announced that the Board of Community Assistance deadline is March 15th 2014.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved: 02/19/2014

Minutes Entered: 02/20/2014