

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 8, 2014**

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on October 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, Sandy Moskowitz, Sal Sonsino, Steven Burda, and Staff Liaison Janet Serfass. Ed Campbell was in attendance at the beginning of the meeting, but had to leave to attend another meeting.

The following members of the EAC were absent: Board of Supervisors Liaison Greg Waks.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 7/9/14 by Vivian Peikin, and seconded by Sandy Moskowitz. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kaasmann commented on the focus and commitment of the EAC in attending meetings, and asked that the members try harder in the future to do so. Mr. Kaasmann also commented on the EAC's presentation to the Board of Supervisors in reference to the Trash Hauling Survey data. As a result of the Board's reception the group decided to refocus its efforts towards stormwater issues including animal waste, pool discharge, dumping of yard waste into waterways, etc.

The Montgomery County E-Recycling event will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Upper Merion Area Middle School. The EAC will contact the school district in reference to promoting the event by sending home materials with school students.

Mr. Kaasmann will contact Township Manager Dave Kraynik to receive direction in participating in the Sustainable Pennsylvania Program. He also intends to draft a letter to be sent to the Transportation Authority in reference to improvement to concrete medians throughout the Township.

Ms. Peikin informed the EAC of her research regarding the spraying of weeds in Upper Merion Township. She reported that the majority of industries contacted use Round-Up or a similar type formula to eradicate weeds because of the cost effectiveness as well as time and manpower issues.

The EAC discussed what kind of time commitment would be required to have a representative sit in with the Park and Recreation Master Plan/Open Space Plan subcommittee (of the Park and Recreation Board) to potentially offer input that coincides with environmental concerns for Township owned land.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kaasmann discussed the Township leaf and yard waste collection programs and the fact that they are not used by all residents. Many residents put their yard waste and leaves in the

trash which is then illegally collected by their trash hauler. The EAC will contact Bob Rudzinski, Township Recycling Coordinator for more information.

The EAC members discussed developing an educational program based on sections of the Township code that pertain to the environment.

**LIAISON'S COMMENTS:**

Ms. Serfass asked that all members of the EAC reply to the monthly meeting reminder with their attendance (attending or not) by 3pm the day of the meeting to establish quorum.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

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Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved: 12/10/2014

Minutes Entered: 12/11/2014