

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
March 12, 2014

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on March 12, 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, Sandy Moskowitz, Board of Supervisors Liaison Greg Waks, and Recording Secretary Shannon Boyle.

The following members of the EAC were absent: Ed Campbell, Dan Yarnall, Staff Liaison Janet Serfass, and Upper Merion Area High School Student Member Smriti Chauhan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 2/12/14 by Sal Sonsino, and seconded by Kate Pietrowski. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

The EAC members discussed the outcome of the trash survey discussion at the Board of Supervisors workshop meeting. Changes were made to the verbiage of some of the questions and a return date must be added. A quick response code was created and the survey is currently available on Survey Monkey. The EAC determined that the return date for the survey would be April 28th, and discussed methods of distributing paper copies where necessary.

The EAC members reviewed the stormwater education slides to be aired on UMGA-TV and at Earth Day and discussed purchasing planters to distribute. They also discussed ways to obtain funds for educational materials which would include subjects such as porous pavement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Pietrowski described the requirements for the rain barrel and watershed education grant explaining that the township would have to manage the funds, and that one EAC member must attend a training session. The EAC intends to use these funds, if obtained, to host a representative from Yellow Springs Farm at a farmers market as well as a forum, as well as to purchase rain barrels and educational materials and signage.

Mr. Kaasmann announced that the EAC Network Conference will be held on May 3rd in Reading PA and that the cost is \$45.00.

LIAISON'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Serfass commented that she is working on arranging payment and pickup of the rain barrels from Montgomery County. She reported that the letter written by Ed Campbell to the Board of Supervisors in reference to the electronics recycling event will be submitted as soon as the vendor chooses a date, and that Bob Rudzinski is obtaining copies of contracts from all three interested companies to ensure they are of equal offering. Ms. Serfass explained that she has stormwater flyers to be distributed at Earth Day and reminded the EAC to sign up for a table.

She also reminded the EAC members that their joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for April 29th at 7pm in the Board Room.

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Waks reminded the EAC members that the Board of Community Assistance Grant deadline is March 15th for non-profit organizations or graduating seniors.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved: 05/13/2014

Minutes Entered: 05/15/2014