

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**February 12, 2014**

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on February 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, Ed Campbell, Sandy Moskowitz, Staff Liaison Janet Serfass, and Board of Supervisors Liaison Greg Waks.

The following members of the EAC were absent: Upper Merion Area High School Student Member Smriti Chauhan.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 1/8/14 by Vivian Peikin, and seconded by Sal Sonsino. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The EAC members held a discussion in reference to the Trash Hauling Survey that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at their March 6<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting. The survey information, once approved, will be sent out for thirty days so that the findings will be available for the Supervisor's workshop meeting in May. The EAC also discussed initiatives for the Township's Earth Day celebration including the raffling of rain barrels, distributing seed packets, as well as finding vendors and informational signage for the committee's table.

Ms. Moskowitz made a motion to purchase six rain barrels from Montgomery County for the amount of three hundred and thirty dollars. The motion was seconded by Ms. Peikin, and all were in favor. Ms. Serfass discussed the potential of housing a permanent rain barrel display in the Township Building's atrium. Mr. Waks commented that the possibility of the Township's Municipal Authority taking over the duties to serve as a stormwater authority will also be discussed at the March 6<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting. Mr. Kaasmann led a discussion in reference to placing educational stormwater blurbs on the UMGA TV channel, as well as hosting the Yellow Springs Farm speaker for a presentation at the Farmers Market.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Questions were raised in reference to putting more vegetation on concrete road medians, however the State and Highway Commission have jurisdiction over many located within Upper Merion Township. The township is already required to take measures to reduce impervious surface when possible.

The EAC is still searching for a non-profit group as a partner to host a rain barrel education program funded by grant money from the Board of Community Assistance.

Mr. Kaasmann mentioned that there is a stormwater workshop at St. Joseph's on March 13, and that there is an EAC Network Conference in Reading on May 3.

**LIAISON'S COMMENTS:**

Ms. Serfass commented that the EAC Vice-Chair has to submit a letter to the Board of Supervisors seeking permission to host annual electronics recycling events. Three companies are currently interested in providing this service to Upper Merion free of cost. The EAC would like to rotate companies if all contracts are equal in their offerings on a tri-annual basis.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.

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Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved: 03/12/2014

Minutes Entered: 03/27/2014