

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
August 14, 2013

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on August 14 2013, 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, and Upper Merion Area High School Student Member Smriti Chauhan.

The following members of the EAC were absent: Sandy Moskowitz, Dan Yarnall, Staff Liaison Janet Serfass, and Board of Supervisors Liaison Greg Waks,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 7/10/13 by Kate Pietrowski, and seconded by Sal Sonsino. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Kaasmann reported that the registration form must be submitted in order for the EAC to participate in Community Day. The EAC members discussed the location of their table, as well as brochures and materials including flyers for the upcoming stormwater forum. The Council will discuss a volunteer schedule for this event via email.

Mr. Campbell reported on the October 21st stormwater forum and explained recent legislation involving stormwater. This new legislation allows for Municipal Stormwater Authorities; giving municipal governments the authority to collect money for the purpose of managing stormwater improvement projects.

Ms. Pietrowski mentioned that she has not yet heard back from Audubon in reference to forming a partnership to obtain the Toyota Green Grant for a bird sanctuary. Ms. Pietrowski also obtained information about Yellow Springs Farm. Yellow Springs provides information about Stormwater Management and its relationship to the types of plants that are grown. To present at a forum it would cost \$300.00 for a one hour presentation, or \$150.00 for a meet and greet for one hour at the Farmers Market. A motion was made by Mr. Campbell to engage Yellow Springs for the October 21st Stormwater Forum, or an alternate date depending on availability and EAC budget constraints. This motion was seconded by Ms. Pietrowski and passed unanimously. Mr. Campbell will follow up with Ms. Serfass in regards to this opportunity.

Mr. Kaasmann also mentioned that no materials were received from the Park and Shade Tree Commission to distribute in reference to the tree planting and tree inventory projects, and that there was no update on the monofilament recycling project.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved: October 9, 2013
Minutes Entered: October 10, 2013