

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**May 8, 2013**

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on May 8 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: Ed Campbell, Vivian Peikin, Sandy Moskowitz, Kate Pietrowski, Staff Liaison Janet Serfass, and Board of Supervisors Liaison Greg Waks. Also in attendance was community member Hele Vondra.

The following members of the EAC were absent: Chris Kaasmann, Sal Sonsino, Dan Yarnall, and Upper Merion Area High School Student Member Smriti Chauhan.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 4/10/13 by Vivian Peikin, and seconded by Sandy Moskowitz. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ms. Pietrowski reported that during the Earth Day celebration Heidi Regent was the winner of a rain barrel and 'Why Not Bob' donated another to the committee. The EAC also held discussions about coordinating an e-recycling event with Earth Day next year.

Ms. Serfass reported that 115 vehicles attended the e-recycling event delivering 2800 pounds of p.c. towers and desktop computers, 3700 pounds of printers and scanners, 2200 pounds of televisions and other equipment, as well as 843 pounds of air conditioners. She mentioned that the event was difficult for the contractor to coordinate parking due to it coinciding with the farmers market. Ms. Serfass also explained that the rain garden demonstration is 99 percent done; that the bench has been ordered and will be installed by the Public Works Department when it arrives, and that she is also waiting for the plaque to be delivered. The EAC is looking into a time when the completed project can be dedicated to the township to complete the paperwork required by the DEP.

The EAC members discussed the upcoming community forums, and explained that the room reservation has been confirmed for May 13<sup>th</sup> for the Energy Works Forum. The council will be raffling off another rain barrel, and are currently looking for contacts for speakers for the October Stormwater forum.

Ms. Serfass updated the EAC on the State Electronics Challenge, explaining that the Township's IT Department already purchases energy efficient equipment and disposes properly of old electronics. The township is working on completing the registration process.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jourey Newell, an Upper Merion resident corresponded with the EAC in reference to installing a monofilament recycling container at the pond on the township building property. Ms.

Peikin made a motion to endorse the proposal, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Moskowitz. All were in favor.

The EAC also discussed the fact that cat tails are overrunning the township pond and stated that it is no longer able to support fish. The township Park and Rec Department may have to relocate the trout rodeo to another pond.

**LIAISON'S COMMENTS:**

Ms. Serfass announced that the township received its MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Permit.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mr. Waks commented on state legislators moving forward with the creation of stormwater authorities that could potentially pair with municipal utility authorities.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

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Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved: May 8, 2013

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