

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2013

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on January 15, 2013, in the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm, followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

The following members of the EAC were present: Chris Kaasmann, Ed Campbell, Vivian Peikin, Sandy Moskowitz, Sal Sonsino, Staff Liaison Janet Serfass, and Board of Supervisors Liaison Greg Waks.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 12/18/12 by Vivian Peikin and seconded by Sandy Moskowitz. Motion passed unanimously.

REORGANIZATION:

Chris Kaasmann was nominated as Chairman of the EAC, with a motion made by Ms. Peikin and seconded by Ms. Moskowitz. Mr. Kaasmann accepted the nomination, and all were in favor.

Ed Campbell was nominated as Vice-Chairman of the EAC, with a motion made by Ms. Peikin and seconded by Ms. Moskowitz. Mr. Campbell accepted the nomination, and all were in favor.

Dan Yarnall was nominated as Secretary of the EAC, with a motion made by Ms. Peikin and seconded by Ms. Moskowitz. All were in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Vivian Peikin to move the EAC meetings from the third Tuesday of every month at 7:15 pm to the second Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. The motion was seconded by Chris Kaasmann and all were in favor. Ms. Serfass reminded all of the EAC members to RSVP for the meeting by 4 pm the day before to confirm quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Serfass reported that the rain barrel project was officially awarded to Styer's Landscaping who will be submitting drawings for the Township to review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kaasmann led a discussion in reference to the goals and objectives of the EAC for the 2013 year. The EAC members decided to host three public educational forums instead of four, and elaborated on possible subjects including stormwater, air pollution, transportation issues including sidewalk installation, and possibly using Energy Works for a second time. The EAC is interested in hosting more electronics recycling events, participating in Earth Day as well as Community Day celebrations, and creating a rating system for green businesses.

Mr. Kaasmann received communication from the property owners of the Tyson's Dump site on Brownlie Road in reference to supporting sale of the property. The EAC decided that this

is a matter that should be handled by the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Serfass also mentioned a correspondence from Lower Merion Township's EAC asking for a meeting to discuss possible joint projects, as well as a survey from the PA Environmental Council which will be forwarded to Mr. Yarnall to be completed.

LIAISON'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Serfass announced that the EAC's budget of five hundred dollars was approved for 2013, and explained that the EPA will be doing a five year inspection of the O'Hara superfund site on Henderson Road. Ms. Serfass also received communication from E-Force Recycling who is an electronics recycling company. The EAC discussed the possibility of recommending that this service be put out for bid, and will look into a list of qualifications. Ms. Serfass reported that she has met with Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Kraynik; that a staff committee has been formed to investigate trash hauling options and is developing survey sheets. More trash collection information will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors sometime during the second quarter.

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Waks commented that the Board of Supervisors was very pleased with the trash hauling presentation given by the EAC, and that both the single and municipal options are both on the table. He also explained that applications for the EAC board vacancy were received.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm.

Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved: 02/13/2013

Minutes Entered: 02/14/2013