

**Upper Merion Township Environmental Advisory Council  
Regularly Scheduled Meeting for March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The Upper Merion Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its regularly scheduled meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Zach Davis, Chair  
Alexandra Moulton, Vice Chair  
Janet Serfass, Staff Liaison  
David Newman  
Kabindra Shakya  
Louise Willis  
Pepper Francis, Student Liaison  
Carole Kenney, Board Liaison

**ABSENT:**

Carol Ryan

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Ms. Moulton moved to approve the February 2020 Meeting Minutes with Mr. Newman seconding and all in favor.

**ONGOING ITEMS:**

*BCA Grant*

Ms. Serfass informed the council that they currently had \$2,000.00 leftover from last year's grant which can be used, so it was requested that the council no longer apply for the grant this year. The funds will be put towards promotional materials like magnets and tote bags.

Mr. Davis will get proofs and quotes from Custom Ink and provide them to the council to vote for a final design and products.

*Ready For 100*

The township will likely not be hiring an energy consultant as the presentation put forth by the consultant for West Chester was nearly identical to the draft plan discussed by the council. After Ms. Moulton and Mr. Davis met with Tony Hamaday (Township Manager) and Geoff Hickman (Public Works Director), it was determined that the funding set aside for the consultant should instead be set aside for future use. One potential use would be to subsidize or waive permit fees related to solar panel installation.

Mr. Hamaday and Mr. Hickman are interested in having an energy audit performed to get a base consumption reading and have made contact with an individual who performs that scope of work, which the council will be updated on should any further details be made available.

Ms. Moulton will rework the energy transition plan to reflect the items discussed at the meeting and send out to the council via email for comments, after which they can move forward with making the information available to the public and recruiting members for the taskforce.

*Earth Day*

Barring any building closures or event postponements, the council will have a booth at the Earth Day event where they will be recycling small electronics, providing promotional and educational materials (if

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available), and working to recruit new members for the EAC as well as the taskforce. The Audubon Society has reached out and said that they would attend with a booth as well.

The Earth Day library display for the month of April will include books for different reading levels that relate to the environment, artwork, reusable material examples, and other materials. Mr. Davis will reach out to the director of the library to finalize details.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*New Member*

The vacant spot in the EAC is being advertised on the township website as well as the scrolling sign outside of the township building. Members of the council are also reaching out to individuals who they think may be interested and are encouraged to post about the vacancy in neighborhood message boards across social media platforms.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Shakya moved to adjourn which was seconded by Ms. Willis with all in favor.

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**Zach Davis, Chair**

**Minutes Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Minutes Entered:** \_\_\_\_\_