

**Upper Merion Township Environmental Advisory Council  
Regularly Scheduled Meeting for September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The Upper Merion Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its regularly scheduled meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 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  
Pepper Francis  
David Newman  
Carol Ryan  
Kabindra Shakya  
Brittany Grala  
Carole Kenney, Supervisor

**ABSENT:**

Courtney Smith, Secretary  
Janet Serfass, Staff Liaison

**GUESTS:**

Louise Willis, Local Environmentalist  
Tony Hamaday, Township Manager

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Ms. Grala made a motion to approve the August 2019 minutes with Ms. Moulton seconding and all in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Farmer's Market*

On Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> Ms. Moulton will cover the booth from 12:00 – 1:00 PM. Due to lack of coverage, she will show up early. Ms. Francis may be available to join, and will let her know.

*Fall Festival*

The Fall Festival at Heuser Park on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> will have a booth for the EAC which will need to be staffed. Coverage will be discussed through email as the event gets closer and availability becomes clearer.

*Citizen's Board Luncheon*

The Citizen's Board Luncheon will take place on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at Fogo de Chao. Once more information is available it will be distributed to council members.

*Letters of Support – PA Energy Efficiency Standards, Udall RES Coalition*

The council voted on whether to send letters of support for two initiatives which relate to the commitment of clean and efficient energy resources throughout Pennsylvania.

For the PA Energy Efficiency Standards, Ms. Grala made a motion to approve with Ms. Moulton seconding and all in favor.

For the Udall RES Coalition, Ms. Ryan made a motion to approve with Ms. Grala seconding and all in favor.

**ONGOING ITEMS:**

*Ready For 100 – Next Steps (Taskforce, RFP Status)*

It was determined that a taskforce specifically involved with Ready For 100 would make the most sense moving forward. Ms. Kenney, Ms. Moulton, Mr. Davis, and Ms. Willis have all volunteered to be part of the taskforce, with Ms. Grala and Ms. Francis potentially becoming involved at a later date. A minimum of 8

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members is desired to be sure that there is adequate presence for each meeting, so an advertisement will be placed in the township newsletter to fill the remaining positions and attract more members. An application process and meeting schedule (once or twice monthly) will be created and distributed to members of the council for review.

Upper Merion Township, Lower Merion Township, and Conshohocken have all been asked to provide the up-front costs for the RFP as well as the energy planner, but due to a lack of information the council is unsure of whether it is willing to commit, especially due to the fact that the cost of the energy planner per municipality has not yet been determined. Mr. Davis will reach out for guidance from representatives in Chester County who recently went through the same processes.

*Council Priorities*

During a brainstorming session, the council compiled a list of projects they would like addressed and consolidated them into broader workflows that individual members could begin chipping away at. The workflows include conservation, business coordination, education, and data. A basic outline will be distributed to members of the council by Ms. Moulton for the purpose of the minutes.

*High School Development Plan*

Ms. Kenney noted that the high school development plan will be approved, but there are 22 trees which need to be planted but developers claim they do not have the space for them. She will consult with them further to determine if there is another area that the trees can be planted rather than scrapping the plan altogether.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Ryan moved to adjourn which was seconded by Ms. Grala with all in favor.

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**Zach Davis, Chair**

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

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