

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
(EAC)  
June 16, 2015**

The members of the Environmental Advisory Council assembled for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at Upper Merion Township, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ATTENDANCE**

Chris Kaasmann, Chairman  
Steven Burda, Vice-Chairman  
Vivian Peikin, Secretary  
Ed Campbell  
Sal Sonsino  
Sandra Moskowitz  
John Weilnau  
Greg Waks, Board Liaison  
Janet Serfass, Staff Liaison

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

On a motion by Vivian Peikin, seconded by John Weilnau, with all voting "aye" the meeting minutes of Tuesday, March 17, 2015 and Tuesday, April 21, 2015 were approved. None opposed.

The regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, May 19, 2015 was cancelled. No minutes to approve.

**OLD BUSINESS**

***A) King of Prussia Clean-up***

King of Prussia clean-up event was a great success.

***B) Board of Community Assistance (BCA) – Trail Markers Update & Next Steps***

Trail Marker Funding has been received and the proposed plan is listed:

- i. The EAC will purchase the markers and the cement to be used.
- ii. EAC will discuss the painting and carving design for the wood post.
- iii. Hire the Knights of Columbus to shave the tops of the posts so they are triangular.
- iv. Knights of Columbus will paint the posts either white and black, or blue and red.

A discussion with a representative of the Knights of Columbus was held regarding their assistance in this project.

A discussion with a representative of another organization was held and they have volunteered their services to:

- i. Dig the hole.
- ii. Insert and position the posts.

The EAC will consider coordinating with the community groups and involving them in the process of design and placement. Board's Liaison, Greg Waks suggested mentioning this task to the Director of Parks & Recreation, Dan Russell and also to the Board of Supervisors.

There will be two trails:

- i. The Chester Valley Trail (*Chester County*) this trail has very nice markers. It extends from Chester County, Tredyffrin/Upper Merion border into Upper Merion Township and ends at Bill Smith Boulevard the area behind the Wine & Spirits Store. Eventually the trail will extend through the Township and meet at the Schuylkill River West Trail, possibly starting this project late next year. The EAC will be seeking direction from the Director of Parks & Recreation, Dan Russell.
- ii. The Schuylkill River West Trail is an extension of Heuser Park, the trail will and run along the river and lead to Valley Forge Park. There is already an existing trail that goes from Heuser Park to Bob Case Park.

The Schuylkill River West Trail will be completed first as part of the BCA Award. Design and the consistency of the signage should be incorporated throughout the trail in Upper Merion Township.

### ***C) Sustainable PA Update***

No Updates – This subject has been tabled.

### ***D) Waste and Recycling Ordinance***

Vivian Peikin, Secretary has volunteered to take the lead. The EAC will review the existing Recycling Ordinance to determine whether or not an amendment is required. Signs, placement of signs and a determination of the language should be incorporated into the Amended Ordinance.

### ***E) EAC Facebook Page***

Request volunteers from the EAC to help administrator information on the EAC's Facebook page. Contact the Township's Public Information Officer, Carla Showell-Lee for details regarding postings on Facebook, what can be posted and how it should read. Also adopt the Township's official policy.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***A) Sidewalk Removal (Poplar Road & King of Prussia Road)***

- i. Tree roots are lifting the sidewalk and causing damage to the property. What can be done?
- ii. Send an email to Robert Loeper, Township Planner & copy Staff's Liaison, Janet Serfass on the email.

### ***B) Recycling Awards***

- i. Consider giving awards to homes who utilize their recycle bins.
- ii. Include children in games that help use the recycle bins.
- iii. Create a contest that will encourage people to use their recycle bins.
- iv. Contact the Property Maintenance Assistant, Robert Rudzinski regarding Recycling Information.

### ***C) Community Gardens***

- i. Discuss whether or not it would be feasible for the Township's residents to use a plot of land to plant vegetables, fruits, etc.
- ii. Speak with the Board of Supervisors regarding land that can be used for this purpose.

## **LIAISON'S COMMENTS**

None

## **REMINDER**

BCA Awards Ceremony

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved:

Minutes Entered: