

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
(EAC)
September 15, 2015**

The members of the Environmental Advisory Council assembled for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 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
John Weilnau
Janet Serfass, Staff Liaison

ABSENT

Ed Campbell
Sal Sonsino
Sandra Moskowitz
Greg Waks, Board Liaison

VISITORS

Krista Scheirer –Montgomery County Conservation District
Virginia Vassalotti- Coordinator Schuylkill Action Network, Initiative Delaware Estuary

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Vivian Peikin, seconded by Steven Burda, with all voting “aye” the meeting minutes of Tuesday, September 15, 2015 were approved. None opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

The Schuylkill Action Network is a collaboration of over 100 organizations working together to protect and restore the Schuylkill Water Shed. This includes Local, State, and Federal Governments, Non-profits, Academics and concerned citizens. A total of 6 different work groups focus on issues that surround the Schuylkill Water Shed. The work groups are: 1) Abandoned Mine Water Drainage, Agricultural, Stormwater, Education Outreach, Water Shed Land Collaboration, and Pathogen’s and Compliance work groups. Our meetings are held quarterly for each work group. You can access the information online at: www.schuylkillwater.org. Registration is required.

Problem: Bob Caley who works for AQUA Pa and lives in Upper Merion Township noticed a list of discharges at the King of Prussia Mall. The current issues at the King of Prussia Mall are: grease dumpsters, improper management of grease barrels, clean up of mop water, restaurant waste, dumpsters leaking, power washing the dumpsters, all of which travels directly into the storm drain. This is not just at the King of Prussia Mall but it is the first area we were alerted to having this problem. As a result, this will be our first test area, and then we will implement this process to the other troubled areas that have this issue as well. The two major offenders are ShakeShack and the Cheesecake Factory. We also formed the Schuylkill Action Network Retail Outreach Committee of SANROC to educate the restaurants and grocery stores about good housekeeping techniques and how to prevent stormwater pollution because they are not aware they should be going into the sanitary sewer to the waste treatment plants. Because they dump on-site the waste travels directly into the local streams and it pollutes the drinking water source.

On a motion by Vivian Peikin, seconded by Steven Burda, with all voting "aye", a discussion will be held with the Board of Supervisors to explore a partnership with the Schuylkill Action Network and all workshops associated with that framework.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: