

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
(EAC)
NOVEMBER 17, 2015**

The members of the Environmental Advisory Council assembled for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at Upper Merion Township, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. The meeting convened at 7:07 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

Chris Kaasmann, Chairman
Sandra Moskowitz
Sal Sonsino
John Weilnau
Edward Campbell, Secretary

ABSENT

Steven Burda, Vice-Chairman
Kathryn Vaccaro
Greg Waks, Board Liaison
Janet Serfass, Staff Liaison

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion made by Sandra Moskowitz, seconded by John Weilnau with all voting "aye" the meeting minutes of October 20, 2015 were approved. None opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

CHRIS KAASMANN/EDWARD CAMPBELL

STORMWATER COMMITTEE (UPDATE)

Committee members and supervisors are discussing the advantages and disadvantages of the Township verses the Authority managing Stormwater.

TRAIL MARKER (UPDATE)

Ed Campbell has the PVC posts completed and the stickers that will label the different distances and has corresponded with Dan Russell to get these posts planted before the weather changes.

SCHUYLKILL ACTION NETWORK (UPDATE)

Chris Kaasmann is seeking the Board of Supervisors assistance with helping the Township fulfilling the four minimum control measure (MCM) requirements needed by the Upper Merion Township MS4 permit from the Schuylkill Action Network, and has composed the letter stating the Board of Supervisors support in education and outreach for the MS4 Program and informing commercial entities within the township of best practices in being good consumers and neighbors.

COMMUNITY GARDEN (DCNR-UPDATE)

John Weillnau met with the Farmers Market Association, who directed him to the U.S. Department of Agriculture as they offer various grant programs. The USDA then suggested the Penn State Extension Office and the West End Civic Association may be additional alternatives to look into regarding program funding. John will keep the Committee informed.

NEW BUSINESS

UPPER MERION DANCE & GYMNASTICS CENTER (UMDG)

Chris Kaasmann relayed an experience brought to his attention by the owner regarding the materials used in constructing the parking lot. This raised question brought to the Committee's attention regarding materials used in construction and/or repairs made in the Township. The owner used 100% permeable concrete and the parking lot began to show structural imperfections almost immediately, causing potholes and various other structural defects that resulted in an expensive repair, impervious concrete was his only option to finish the parking lot, which worked but made noticeable differences throughout the parking lot.

- 1) The Township will contact the County regarding hazardous waste issues within the Township.
- 2) Discuss alternative and environmentally safe product options to use during winter and compile a list of "best product results" for the Township to reference.
- 3) Issues that develop and methods to resolve them, if any, by December.

EARTH DAY

Sandra Moskowitz will take the lead and contact Parks & Recreation regarding activities for this event.

BLACK FRIDAY (MCKAIG PARK)

Enjoy a walk through McKaig Park, and see the animals and all the park has to offer visually as an alternative to shopping this day.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Sandra Moskowitz, seconded by Sal Sonsino, with all voting "aye", the meeting was adjourned.

Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved:

Minutes Entered: