

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

The members of the Environmental Advisory Council assembled for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 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

Sandra Moskowitz
Sal Sonsino
John Weilnau
Steven Burda, Vice-Chairman
Kate Vaccaro
Greg Waks, Board Liaison
Janet Serfass, Staff Liaison

ABSENT

Chris Kaasmann
Ed Campbell

GUEST

John Matega, Swedesburg, PA

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion made by Steven Burda, seconded by John Weilnau with all voting "aye" the meeting minutes of November 17, 2015 were approved. None opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

As Vice Chairman, Steven Burda will follow up with Ed Campbell concerning the letter and receipt reimbursements for the BCA Grant and Janet will submit this for approval.

SCHUYLKILL ACTION NETWORK (UPDATE)

Steven Burda will follow up with Chris Kaasmann regarding his letter to the Board of Supervisors about the Upper Merion Township MS4 permit from the Schuylkill Action Network and inform the Committee at the next meeting.

COMMUNITY GARDEN (UPDATE)

John Weilnau suggested the Committee extend an invitation to residents of the township to participate in expanding the community gardens at Roberts Elementary School. In addition to beautifying the appearance of the garden, and the school, it promotes community participation and is a great learning experience. The Committee will continue to develop ideas regarding community garden projects.

The Committee will discuss the pros and cons of maintaining a community garden and what, if any, responsibilities the residents would have if they choose to participate.

NEW BUSINESS

TREE MULCH

The amount of mulch being used to protect the trees is causing the trees to perish. Per Janet Serfass' request, she indicated this as being the first time she has met with and spoken to John Mateja regarding this matter. Discussion on this matter opted Greg Waks, at Janet Serfass' request, to convey this information to Bill Shutter with the Park and Shade Tree Commission and Dave Kraynik the Executive Secretary to have this matter resolved directly.

WEATHER (ICE MELT)

John Weilnau informed the Committee that while Rock Salt is ***best*** for Highway and Major Road clearance, it is the ***worse*** product to use on residential properties. Steven Burda volunteered to further research alternative products that can be used and still be cost effective. Steven will update the Committee at the next meeting.

EARTH DAY

The Committee is debating over ideas for this upcoming event. Steven Burda suggested the Committee create posters at the Township Library.

EAC MEETING SCHEDULES

The Committee will continue to meet, the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M.

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

RECOMMENDATION

Janet Serfass suggested the Committee consider Water Dispensers be positioned in the Township's parks. Kate Vaccaro volunteered to contact Dan Russell regarding the Water Dispensers, cost and positioning (unit placed inside or outside) maintenance etc. The Committee will review the findings and update the Township at the next Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chris Kaasmann, Chairman

Minutes Approved:

Minutes Entered: