

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017
6:45 P.M.**

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting April 18, 2017 in the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE:

Katherine Vaccaro, Chairman
John Weilnau, Vice-Chair
Brittany Grala, Secretary
Sal Sonsino
Zachary Davis
Stacey Henderson
Christopher Kaasmann
Janet Serfass, Staff Liaison
Greg Waks, Board Liaison
Bob Rudzinski, Recycling Coordinator – Upper Merion Township
Earl Morgan
Joanne Morgan
Donna Rapine
Joe Rapine

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

In response to Kate's request, Sal motioned to approve the March 21, 2017 meeting minutes. Brittany seconded. All voted in favor.

DISCUSSION WITH BOB RUDZINSKI, UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Bob spoke with the EAC members in regard to regulations for recycling at commercial facilities within the township. The council also discussed the installation and maintenance of recycling containers at bus stops. Bob will follow up with the Assistant Township Manager to find out if there is a responsible party in the agreement for the cleanup and emptying of the containers.

The EAC also discussed educating township residents against putting yard waste and leaves in the trash, as well as educating trash haulers against collecting them. They also discussed changes to the township ordinance to allow for pickup less than once a week, and posting all of the registered hauler's rates for the public to view. The EAC will take a formal advisement of these initiatives and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

DISCUSSION WITH JOE RAPINE, TOWNSHIP RESIDENT:

Mr. Rapine, a resident at 540 Beidler Road came to the EAC meeting to discuss environmental and health concerns regarding a neighbor who uses an outdoor wood burning fireplace. The Board of Supervisors has referred the Rapines to the Department of Environmental Protection and has discussed the matter at length with the township’s solicitor. The EAC supports the position of the Board of Supervisors and the Township Solicitor regarding this matter and makes no further recommendation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Earth Day Celebration:

The EAC members discussed the purchase and storing of the additional twenty-two rain barrels, as allotted for in the budget. If one cannot be acquired prior to the Earth Day festivities, the EAC will provide a rain barrel demonstration with later dates in which they will be available for raffle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for April 27th.
- The Comprehensive Plan Committee will be hosting a public outreach event in the Township Building on April 25th from 5:30-8:30pm. There is a survey available on the township website pertaining to what residents would like to see in Upper Merion Township in the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

In response to Kate’s inquiry, Sal motioned to adjourn. Chris seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Katherine Vaccaro, Chairperson

Minutes Approved: _____

Minutes Entered: _____