

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017
6:45 P.M.**

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting May 16, 2017 in the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE:

John Weillnau, Vice-Chair
Brittany Grala, Secretary
Stacey Henderson
Zachary Davis
Greg Waks, Board Liaison
Janet Serfass, Staff Liaison

ABSENT:

Katherine Vaccaro
Christopher Kaasmann
Sal Sonsino

OLD BUSINESS:

Earth Day Celebration:

The EAC members discussed the significant interest of the residents in the rain barrel raffle at the Earth Day celebration. Two residents were chosen to win rain barrels from the submissions received at the event, and the additional twenty-two will be raffled at the farmers market on the second Saturday of each month from June until September.

Emerald Ash Bore Presentation:

There will be an Emerald Ash Bore presentation by the Department of Conservation of Natural Resources on June 4th. The EAC would like to partner with the Shade Tree and Beautification Commission to discuss reforestation projects as there are hundreds of trees in Heuser Park alone that are affected.

Trash Hauling and Commercial Recycling:

The EAC will follow up on the discussion held with Bob Rudzinski at the April meeting regarding who is responsible for the recycling containers at commercial facilities and bus stops, as well as contacting the Upper Merion Township Foundation to discuss the potential for a voluntary single hauler trash program in the township.

Meadow Installation:

The EAC members discussed partnering with the Parks and Recreation Board as well as the Shade Tree and Beautification commission to find a location for meadow installation.

Stormwater Medallions:

Krista Scheirer from the Schuylkill Action Network coordinated with the Upper Merion Area School District to distribute stormwater medallions to students. The School District is excited to be included in similar stormwater management outreach projects in the future.

Green Power Communities:

The solar power ordinance discussion was postponed at the Board of Supervisors workshop meeting but will be reviewed in the next few months. The EAC would like to promote green power initiatives to the residents in Upper Merion Township as well as finding ways to make township facilities greener.

NEW BUSINESS:

STAFF LIAISON'S REPORT:

Janet suggested that the EAC make it a standard action to apply for the Board of Community Assistance Grant yearly as there is a high interest in receiving rain barrels among the residents. She also commented that the Schuylkill Action Network's Retail Outreach Committee met with Bob Hart, the general manager of the King of Prussia Mall property. Mr. Hart agreed to install stormwater medallions on Mall Property, and the EAC will be looking for volunteers to complete this project.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LIAISON'S REPORT:

Greg mentioned that the township's community fair will be held in October, and that he has received many positive comments and questions about the creek signs that were installed.

ADJOURNMENT:

In response to Kate's inquiry, Sal motioned to adjourn. Chris seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Katherine Vaccaro, Chairperson

Minutes Approved: _____

Minutes Entered: _____