

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018
6:30 P.M.**

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on June 19, 2018 in the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Zachary Davis, Chair
Brittany Grala, Secretary
Katherine Vaccaro
Sal Sonsino
Janet Serfass, Staff Liaison
Greg Waks, Board of Supervisors Liaison

ABSENT:

Stacey Henderson

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Kate motioned to approve the April 17, 2018 meeting minutes. Sal seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Board of Community Assistance Grant:

The BCA Grant was awarded to the EAC to purchase 24 rain barrels and 20 compost bins to be raffled off at the Farmers Market. The EAC members discussed creating a short survey for resident feedback to be included with the next grant application. The EAC also discussed ways to streamline information being given to residents via flyers.

Yard Waste Composting / Trash Hauling:

The EAC has contacted the Township's Public Information Officer regarding ways to educate the public about trash hauling and yard waste recycling in Upper Merion. Information is being sent out in the township newsletter and email, and a list of trash haulers is located in the new resident welcome packet. The EAC would also like to include information about gardening and the planting of native species in the newsletter.

Community Garden:

The well at the Community Garden was found, the bridge was erected, plots have been distributed to those who entered the plot lottery, the soil has been tilled, and the water tanks have been delivered. The EAC will reach out to the Community Garden Board to see if they can offer any assistance, as well as to discuss the possibility of setting up a rain barrel/compost bin display.

Board of Supervisors Joint Meeting:

The EAC and the Board of Supervisors discussed the potential of collaborating with the McKaig Nature Center Board to install a meadow on the McKaig property. They also discussed installing solar panels at the Township's wastewater treatment facilities, and will contact the chair of the Upper Merion Sanitary and Stormwater Authority regarding feasibility.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LIAISON'S REPORT:

Greg reported that the Board of Supervisors will be appointing a new Supervisor to replace Erika Spott on Thursday June 21st, as per legal requirements. Greg explained that the Board of Supervisors received 7 applications and interviewed each candidate at a public meeting. Greg commented that some citizen boards may have new liaisons after the new supervisor is appointed.

Greg announced that Upper Merion Township received an award for being the Communicating Municipality of the Year, among second class townships in the state of Pennsylvania.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

The EAC discussed coordinating with the Shade Tree Commission as they share many common goals. They also discussed advertising board vacancies on social media.

Zach made a motion to nominate Brittany as Vice-Chair, and Kate as Secretary. Sal seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Brittany motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kate seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Zachary Davis, Chairperson

Minutes Approved: _____

Minutes Entered: _____