

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018
6:30 P.M.**

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on July 17, 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, Vice-Chair
Stacey Henderson
Sal Sonsino
Janet Serfass, Staff Liaison
Carole Kenney, Board of Supervisors Liaison

ABSENT:

Katherine Vaccaro, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Sal motioned to approve the June 19, 2018 meeting minutes. Brittany seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Library Board Collaboration:

Zach explained that he has contacted the Director of the Library regarding the EAC assisting high school students with their senior projects, as well as helping with education and outreach for environmental concerns. The EAC also discussed the possibility of appointing a student liaison from a high school environmental group.

Township Newsletter:

The EAC has submitted several items to the Township's Public Information Office (PIO) that have been placed in the Township newsletter and on its social media sites. They also discussed submitting information regarding water conservation, composting, recycling of grass clippings, and recycling events. Amanda from the Township's PIO and Brittany created a blog where all of the information submitted will be kept in the same place.

Board of Community Assistance Grant:

The EAC will have a booth at the Township Farmer's Market on August 4th and September 8th, as well as at the Township's Community Day on October 13th to raffle off the compost bins and rain barrels purchased with BCA Grant funds. The EAC members discussed new fliers and information to be handed out at the events, as well as a survey to obtain feedback from rain barrel and compost bin winners.

NEW BUSINESS:

The EAC members discussed supporting a bill which would require the state of Pennsylvania to only use renewable energy by 2050. They also discussed ways to use renewable energy at the Township level and will research to see if solar panels as well as a township wide composting program are feasible, as well as cost effective. The EAC has not received a reply from the Township in regards to installing solar panels in open areas at the wastewater treatment plants.

STAFF LIAISON’S REPORT:

Janet recommended donating rain barrels and/or compost bins to the Community Garden with a sign or plaque saying they have been donated by the Upper Merion Township Environmental Advisory Council. Janet also discussed advertising open EAC positions on the Upper Merion Township Community Action Network Facebook page.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LIAISON’S REPORT:

Carole reported that Tina Garzillo has been appointed as a Board of Supervisor. Tina was a founding member of the Farmer’s Market, a member of the Park and Recreation Board, and a citizen member of the Police Hiring Board.

Carole explained that she met with representatives from Simon Corporation regarding a multi-use plan for the old JC Penney’s building site including office space, hotel and apartment units, as well as a space for concerts, sporting events, etc.

ADJOURNMENT:

Stacey motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sal seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Zachary Davis, Chairperson

Minutes Approved: _____

Minutes Entered: _____