

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018
6:30 P.M.**

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on November 20, 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
Carol Ryan
Kabindra Shakya
Janet Serfass, Staff Liaison
Carole Kenney, Board of Supervisors Liaison

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Brittany motioned to approve the July 17, 2018 meeting minutes. Kabindra seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Library Board Collaboration:

Zach discussed a community screening of "Catching the Sun" with the Library Director. The movie would provide education regarding solar energy to the residents.

Renewable Energy at Township Facilities:

Zach reported that the Township may be capable of purchasing, renting, or leasing solar energy with the potential to sell back any excess energy generated. The EAC discussed potential locations for solar panels and will make a formal recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Board of Community Assistance Grant:

The EAC will draw additional names for rain barrels and compost bins that have not yet been claimed. The EAC members also discussed donating rain barrels and compost bins to the Community Garden as well as the Upper Merion Senior Service Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

Zach asked that the EAC members encourage members of the community to apply for vacancies on the council.

The EAC was asked by the Audubon Society to create a proclamation calling 2018 the "Year of the Bird." The council members declined to create the proclamation due to time constraints.

Zach reported on the template RF-100 Resolution regarding the Township committing to using more renewable energy sources, as well as using more energy efficient products. The EAC will take the template under advisement, and make a formal recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

The EAC members discussed the possibility of limiting or banning the use of plastic bags and straws in Upper Merion, and will make a formal recommendation to the Board of Supervisors after further research.

STAFF LIAISON'S REPORT:

Janet reported that Montgomery County will no longer host the rain barrel and compost bin sale. The EAC members are not interested in hosting the event at this time.

Janet also reminded the EAC members that January is the reorganization meeting, in which they will establish the meeting time and date, the goals for 2019 etc.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LIAISON'S REPORT:

Carole reported that the 2019 budget was posted with no tax increase.

Carole also reported that West Chester University is holding a film screening for "The Future of Energy" on December 7th at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Zach motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carol seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Zachary Davis, Chairperson

Minutes Approved: _____

Minutes Entered: _____