

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019
6:30 P.M.**

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on February 19, 2019 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
Courtney Smith
Carol Ryan
Kabindra Shakya
David Newman
Janet Serfass, Staff Liaison
Carole Kenney, Board of Supervisors Liaison

RE-ORGANIZATION:

Zach motioned to nominate himself as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Carol, and all were in favor.

Zach motioned to nominate Brittany Grala as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Carol, and all were in favor.

Zach motioned to nominate Courtney Smith as Secretary. The motion was seconded by David, and all were in favor.

MEETING DATE & TIME:

Zach motioned to continue holding the EAC meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. David seconded, and all were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

David motioned to approve the November 20, 2018 meeting minutes. Brittany seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Renewable Energy at Township Facilities:

The EAC members discussed tabling the subject of installing renewable energy sources at Township facilities. They will coordinate with the Public Information Office to provide information to residents pertaining to renewable energy and the associated rebates.

Board of Community Assistance Grant:

The EAC will apply for BCA funds in 2019 for rain barrels and compost bins, and discussed the possibility of adding reusable shopping bags or other environmentally friendly advertisement items.

Plastic Bag Ban:

The EAC members received information from Montgomery County Maryland as well as Narberth Borough regarding their plastic bag programs for comment at the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Zach will reach out to the Township’s Property Maintenance Officer regarding the lack of recycling bins at the King of Prussia Mall.

The 2019 stream cleanup will be held on April 6th from 8:30am-12pm.

The Township’s Earth Day Celebration will be held on April 13th, and the EAC will auction off rain barrels at the event.

Carole reported that she would announce the EAC member and student member vacancies at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

STAFF LIAISON’S REPORT:

Janet reported that there are three compost bins left, and six rain barrels left. The EAC is willing to donate items to the Community Garden and the Senior Service Center.

Janet also reminded the EAC members that the joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for May 9th from 6:30-7pm.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LIAISON’S REPORT:

Carole reported that the Township’s Black History Celebration will be held on Saturday February 23rd from 10am-2pm. She also reported that the BCA Grant Awards will be announced at the June 5th Board of Supervisors meeting.

Carole explained that the township is finalizing a phone survey regarding resident satisfaction with Township services. She also explained that a new Township Manager has not been selected yet, and the first citizen selection committee meeting will be held on February 27th.

ADJOURNMENT:

Carol motioned to adjourn the meeting. Zach seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Zachary Davis, Chairperson

Minutes Approved: _____

Minutes Entered: _____