

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

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) met for its scheduled meeting on March 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
Carol Ryan
Kabindra Shakya
Alexandra Moulton
Janet Serfass, Staff Liaison

ABSENT:

Courtney Smith, Secretary
David Newman
Carole Kenney, Board Liaison

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Carol motioned to approve the February 19, 2019 meeting minutes. Brittany seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Renewable Energy at Township Facilities:

There are grant opportunities in the state of Pennsylvania for municipalities to install solar panels at township facilities. The EAC will forward the information to the Board of Supervisors.

Board of Community Assistance Grant:

The EAC will submit an application for funds to purchase magnets and cloth bags to be used as educational outreach materials, as well as the compost bins and rain barrels.

Plastic Bag Ban:

The EAC members received mostly positive feedback from the community regarding the banning of plastic bags. The Business Improvement District is looking into a plastic bag initiative, and the EAC will consider partnering with the BID to implement it.

Earth Day Celebration:

The EAC members will participate in the April 6th stream cleanup, as well as setting up a booth at the April 13th community Earth Day Celebration.

Farmers Market:

The EAC members will have a booth at the farmers market to distribute stormwater management information as well as to raffle off compost bins and rain barrels. The council will tentatively attend on 6/22, 7/20, 8/24, and 9/21.

STAFF LIAISON'S REPORT:

Janet reported that there are three compost bins left, two for the community garden, and one for the senior center's gardening club. She also reported that there are five rain barrels left for raffle.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Kabindra motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brittany seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Zachary Davis, Chairperson

Minutes Approved: _____

Minutes Entered: _____