

UM Township EAC Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2023

The meeting started at 6:40 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

In Person: (6) Zach Davis, Theresa Landewe, Rose Grosso, Vicki Meitus, Carole Kenney, Tiffany Kennedy (Mother Compost)

Zoom: (3) Jocelyn Bilker, Kabindra Shakya, Louise Willis

Absent: (1) Mark Vondra

Approval of August 3rd, 2023, minutes deferred to October meeting.

Old Business:

- **Mother Compost Overview:** Presentation by Tiffany Kennedy Food scrap recycling company. Presented slide show regarding Mother Earth Composting. Started in 2018. Reviewed what is happening in the geographic area and what possibilities may be for UM Township.
- **Plastic Pollution Reduction Ordinance**
 - Zach will work with Public Information Office and Don re: graphics to get the information to businesses.
 - Discussed possibility of donation bin for plastic bags. Possible locations are Township Building and Community Center. Jocelyn mentioned they are collected at High School and used for 'plarn' for blankets for homeless.
 - Some companies/individuals have contacted EAC with concerns of the new ordinance re: dates and/or exact products that can be used.
- **Rain Garden:**
 - PSU Extension Seminar is Monday, September 11th at Township building.
 - Ad Hoc committee meeting will be Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30 in room A101 in Township Building
 - Jocelyn posted sign up information at High School to various clubs.

- EAC committee members will have shifts throughout the day.
- Saturday, October 7th will have some preparation going on.
- There are trees available that currently need repotting. Vitas from McKaig Nature Center currently has them. Discussion on where to plant and/or distribute.
- **Farmers Market Rotating Table:**
 - EAC will be there on Saturday, September 30th manning a table. Discussed what information should be given out. Committee will help man the table. Currently Louise, Kabrinda, Vicki, Zach will be there.
- **Solar in Upper Merion Township:**
 - Township getting more EV charger permit requests.
 - Louise brought up using EV chargers at non-peak hours. PECO has a time-of-use pricing, peak is weekdays 2-6:00 PM weekdays.
 - Carole will have a conversation with Geoff Hickman regarding Solar power in Township. Continue to discuss possibility of covered parking lots with Solar Panel. Primary Upper Merion Waste treatment Centers, Township Building and Community Center use the most energy in the Township. These buildings use almost 80% of Township energy use.
- **Landscape Netting/Astro turf Updates:**
 - Discussed use of plastic netting in different areas of Township. State of Delaware has banned plastic netting.

New Business:

G. EAC Conference by WeConservePA

- Saturday, October 21st at WCU

H. Citizen Board Appreciation Event:

- September 21st at Community Pool, 5:00-7:30 PM

I. Astro Turf: all new fields at new high school are Astro turf.

Board Liaison: Carole

- **Hydrothermal Carbonization:** Carole looking into a tour of the location in Phoenixville. Not a new process but more common in Europe.

Staff Liaison Comment: Rose

- Rose reported received first request for Tesla solar shingles/panels.

Public Comments: none

Additional Comments: none

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 9:20p by Theresa and seconded by Vicki

APPROVED MINUTES: 10/4/23 SIGNATURE: _____