

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Plumstead Township Environmental Advisory Council was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plumstead Township Municipal Building, Plumsteadville, PA

PRESENT

Tovah Karl	Chair
Herb Hickmott	Member
David Stakun	Member
Rishi.V	Township Resident
Bala Sreenivasan	Township Resident
Nick Lykon	Supervisor
Tom Lurz	Member
Andrew Thomas	Member

DISCUSSIONS

1. Tire Recycling
 - a. Call with Kim Kruchinski (Chair of Springfield EAC). Discussed the Springfield EAC's business plan for tire recycling
 - i. Tovah will reach out to Plumstead Township to see if they would be willing to front the tractor trailer fee that would be used to store the tires during the recycling program
 - ii. Kim K. will speak to the Springfield EAC at their meeting on 1/12/17 about how to best collaborate with the Plumstead Township EAC
2. Tom L. spoke with Solebury EAC. Herb H. spoke with Buckingham EAC. Both EACs are interested in collaborating with us
3. Discussed doing research about field improvements and potential impact on community
 - a. What are the environmental benefits of using turf fields? EAC should do research and make a recommendation to the BOS with the findings
 - i. Geography and proximity to sensitive populations - **Nick**
 - ii. Utilization of field and potential to reduce the need for building additional fields and parking lots - **Nick**
 - iii. Groundwater infiltration and storm water management - **Andy**
 - iv. Less soil compaction; won't become impervious - **Andy**
 - v. Elimination of fertilizer – **Herb**
 - vi. Decomposition of turf material - **Tom**
 - vii. Biological impacts - **Tom**
 - viii. Light pollution and alternatives - **Rishi**
 - ix. Decrease maintenance costs, reduce carbon footprint from mowing - **Dave**
 - x. Additional benefits - **Tovah**

Accepted by: Herb Hickmott; second by David Stakun

Adjourned: 9:00pm

