

## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Plumstead Township Environmental Advisory Council was held on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plumstead Township Municipal Building, Plumsteadville, PA

#### PRESENT

Tovah Karl	Chair
Herb Hickmott	Member
David Stakun	Member
Tom Lurz	Member
Andy Thomas	Member
Rishi.V	Township Resident
Bala Sreenivasan	Township Resident

#### DISCUSSIONS

1. Township Garden
  - a. Gauge interest
    - i. Confirm enough support from Board of Supervisors for either community garden or community supported agriculture (CSA)
    - ii. Reach out to local farmers and the Grange to gauge interest in CSA and determine potential upfront costs, amount of acreage needed etc.
    - iii. Distribute survey to general public to gauge interest
  - b. Potential location = Landis Greene behind parking lot by pumping station.
    - i. Confirm with Public Works that there is a water source near the pumping station
    - ii. Confirm with Township Supervisor that we can obtain access to approximately 1 acre of the farm land
    - iii. Close proximity to compost
  - c. Potential sponsor for CSA is a local farmer; potential sponsor for community garden is a Township resident, DelVal student, Boy Scout etc.
2. EAC completed Section 1 of the Bird Town Municipal Application to learn more about the program. Tovah Karl will submit it.
3. The EAC recommends that the Township apply for the following 3 grants available through TreeVitalize (<https://treepennsylvania.org/treevitalize-grants-program/>): (1) Tree Planting Grants; (2) Community Forestry Management Grant; and (3) Urban riparian Buffer Grant
  - a. Should the Township win one of the grants, the EAC recommends that the Township use the money from the Tree Fund to meet the 1:1 required applicant match
4. Tree planting grant to residents. See attached image for additional notes.

Accepted by: Herb Hickmott; second by Andy Thomas

Adjourned: 8:55pm