

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2023, at 7:30 PM
Plumstead Township Administrative Building
5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA 18947

Matthew Rossi, EAC Chairperson
Tovah Karl, Member
Parth Vaidyanath, Member
Bala Sreenivasan, Member
James Paul Johnson, Member
Thomas Lurz, Member
Andrea Susten, Asst. to the Manager
Ken Lichtenstein, Board of Supervisor Liaison

Mr. Rossi called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

Approval of the April 2023 Minutes – Upon motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded Ms. Sreenivasan, the April EAC minutes were unanimously approved.

Update on Monarch Way Station – Ms. Sreenivasan shared some of the questions that are on the application and the EAC discussed potential responses. The members discussed speaking with Duane to obtain his approval of the location. Mr. Lurz and Ms. Sreenivasan stated they would work together to write the section identifying the environmental component of monarch way stations and work with Groveland Elementary School and Parks and Recreation to identify the educational and environmental stewardship components. The members discussed that the installation would not occur until Spring 2024 but if they apply this year, they will be placed on the waitlist to receive the free milkweed plants.

Earth Day Event Recap- The members stated that the Earth Day Event was well attended and that there was engagement in the activities and other entities that were involved. Ms. Susten stated that she thanked all the vendors for attending via email and also tagged them on the Facebook post. The members discussed ideas of what could be done if the event occurs again and that included having the vehicles park more on an angle, have more vendors and more signage. They also discussed the possibility of having food and planning it on a day that is not A-Day at DelVal because it is hard to compete with that event. The members also discussed donating \$50 to the Arbor Day Foundation to receive 10 trees and give the trees away to those who put their names in the drawing at the event. The members drew 10 names from the jar, and Ms. Susten stated she would order the trees and contact the people who won. The EAC members discussed having saplings at next year's event to give out.

Electronic Recycling Event – Mr. Rossi stated he would like the EAC to schedule an electronic recycling event for either August 12 or 19. Ms. Susten stated she would reach out to the company we used two years ago to check their availability.

Reusable Bag Program – Ms. Susten stated that the program currently has four sponsors and that she has communicated with some local businesses and is working on obtaining contact information for the

corporations like Rite Aid, GIANT, and WAWA. She stated she is also going to follow up with the car dealerships in the Township via email.

Next Steps for the Township Comprehensive Plan – Mr. Rossi stated that he and Mr. Lichtenstein were at the last Planning Commission meeting where they discussed the major topics of the Comprehensive Plan and stated that the EAC members should attend future meetings.

Preliminary Plan Submission – Urich / Godin Tract Review – The EAC members reviewed the Preliminary Land Development plan and discussed items to include in their letter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.