

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2024, at 7:30 P.M.

Plumstead Township Administrative Building

5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA 18947

Present:

Bala Sreenivasan, Chairperson

Andrew Thomas, Member

James Paul Johnson, Member

Lurleen Worthington, Member

Deb Noone, Member

Rob Kopf, Member

Alison Kingsley, Member

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Ms. Sreenivasan with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Five guests including Supervisor Jim McComb and Andrea Glang, who is interested in becoming an EAC member, and previously attended the November 2024 meeting.

Mr. McComb reminded the council that meeting agendas were needed prior to EAC meetings so they can be posted on the township website in advance.

Ms. Sreenivasan discussed projects: Reusable bag project- there will be a township Easter event where more bags can be distributed. Date to come. She recognized Andrea Glang, who has a degree in Environmental Studies and interest and experience with native plants and said she could possibly be an associate member or participate as a volunteer if all the positions continue to be filled.

Projects for 2025 could include road clean ups and tree plantings for both the spring around Arbor Day/Earth Day in April, and in the fall. Additional suggestions included a native plant project. Discussed attempt to make it a community wide, with a seminar on native plants. A prior year seminar on the spotted lantern fly had good attendance with about 30-40 attendees. Other potential topics for activities: water conservation since there has been a drought. Also discussed was a stream cleanup in July.

Ms. Kingsley inquired about whether there are any watershed associations and gave examples of watersheds in Solebury Township. Mr. Thomas said there used to be a watershed that followed the North Branch of the Neshaminy, with participation of several townships, but it dissolved some time ago. Ms. Kingsley suggested we consider creating watersheds around streambeds in the township, and she may be able to get information and documents on doing so from Solebury as an example.

Mr. Johnson asked whether Ms. Sreenivasan would be continuing as committee chairperson in 2025, and a brief discussion was held. She indicated that due to work she may step down at the first meeting of

2025. Mr. Johnson expressed interest in remaining Vice Chair. Ms. Sreenivasan recommended Ms. Noone take her place for Chair, and Ms. Noone accepted the recommendation on the condition that long time members, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Thomas, were not interested, which they confirmed they were not.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, January 7, 2025. (**Note:** this date has been changed to Tuesday, January 14, 2025, due to superseding township meetings)

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Noone