

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 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 7:31 PM.

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

Road Clean Up and Tree Planting: Mr. Rossi reminded the member that the road clean-up and tree planting is scheduled for April 15 at Hanusey park and stated we will begin with the road clean up at 8 am and then move to the tree planting at Landis Green around 10 am. Ms. Karl asked about a water source and if we have slow-release watering bags. Mr. Rossi stated he would check with Duane, Township Parks Foreman, and Herb, Township Arborist.

Earth Day Event – Final Preparation: The members discussed the parking and arrangement for the event. Ms. Susten stated that she has received commitments for the electric and hybrid vehicle display and electric bikes from Fred Beans, Thompson, Faulkner Honda, and Redline E-Bikes. The members discussed finalizing the adopt-a-road information packets and ordering more solar paper for crafts and earth stress balls from Amazon as prize giveaways. Ms. Susten stated that she is working to secure a sponsorship with Bucks County Gardens for the seed bomb making station and seedlings for the tree giveaways. The members expressed excitement for the event and stated they would talk about the event with neighbors, friends, and family.

Reusable Bag Program: Mr. Rossi stated that we have received three sponsors for the reusable bag program, two gold sponsors and one bronze sponsor, for a total of \$2,800. He stated he would like to start following up with the businesses and arrange to go in person to the bigger box stores like GIANT and Wawa. Additionally, the members discussed reaching out to the new businesses in the Cross Keys Shopping center to see if they are interested in participating. Ms. Susten stated she has contact information and will reach out.

Monarch Way Station – Status of Grant Application: Ms. Sreenivasan stated she spoke to Lauren, a volunteer at Groveland Elementary, who stated that she will help coordinate a meeting with the Principal or Assistant Principal in order to get a formal commitment about the sponsorship needed for the

application and that the goal is to have the 6th grade class be involved in the maintenance, which would include weeding and education about native plants, as part of their curriculum. Ms. Sreenivasan stated she went through application, and they want to see how this project would be part of the network of monarch waystations and a maintenance plan. She stated she will work with Mr. Lurz on developing a description for the application.

Update on Township Comprehensive Plan: Mr. Rossi stated that he and Mr. Lichtenstein attended the comp. plan meeting and stated that his takeaways from the presentation were that the residents were generally satisfied with the Township and quality of life but that the two major points of concern including traffic congestion and road maintenance. He also added that the survey results indicated that residents want to see more trail connections and that there was support for land preservation. He stated the Township has a website which has the survey results and encouraged the other members to attend future meetings.

Summer Newsletter Article: The members discussed putting photos and information from the upcoming Earth Day Event in the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.