

# **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**December 5th, 2023, at 7:30 P.M.**

**Plumstead Township Administrative Building**

5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA 18947

Bala Sreenivasan, EAC Chairperson

Tovah Karl, Member

James Paul Johnson, Member

Parth Vaidyanath, Member

Thomas Lurz, Member

Ken Liechtenstein, Visiting Supervisor

Ms. Sreenivasan called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M.

October & November Meeting Minutes: Upon motion by Mr. Lurz, the members unanimously approved the meeting minutes for October and November.

Access to the township EAC Folder: Ms. Sreenivasan received access to the Teams folder for the EAC and she intends to give access to the members by next week.

Chairperson for 2024: Ms. Sreenivasan mentions that she intends to establish a vice chairperson for 2024, because she has to travel frequently for work and needs someone to fill in for when she is gone. She entails that the responsibilities of a vice chairperson will be to fill in for the responsibilities normally given to the chairperson. Upon motion by Mr. Lurz, seconded by Ms. Karl, Mr. Johnson was voted to become the EAC vice chairperson.

Reusable Bag Program Update: Ms. Sreenivasan informed one sponsor—Café Sol—that the program will initiate in spring 2024. Mr. Johnson will contact the bag manufacturers to receive pricing information.

Park Bench Program Update: Ms. Karl informed the members that she will continue to work on initiating the Park Bench program update. Ms. Sreenivasan will ask Angela if Ms. Karl if she can contact potential school candidates to join the park bench program.

Road Clean-Up Planning: In the absence of a second road-cleanup, members discussed a potential tentative date for a road-cleanup in December—although the members agreed that it would be best to cancel it.

Mr. Lurz mentions that he plans to resume testing water samples in various public water sources once he receives the necessary kit to do so. He also intends to test private well depth using a pinger, which will need approval.

Mr. Liechtenstein inquires about including single-use alkaline batteries into the annual electronic recycling event and will contact the recycling partner about it.

Ms. Karl brought into question a formerly invasive species that was planted in October's tree planting event, but upon insight from the township arborist, the status of the species was changed to native.

Mr. Vaidyanath will create a spreadsheet to track action items for the members based on current and previous meeting minutes.

The members discuss a potential article for the next township newsletter: Mr. Johnson believes that if no other ideas are present, the article should be used to advertise the EAC and its vacant member position.

Ms. Sreenivasan mentions the supervisor's proposal to the EAC to cleanup streams, in addition to the biannual road cleanups. Mr. Lurz proposes a portion of the Tohickon Creek that could be cleaned near his home and mentioned the pollutants around the creek. Upon recommendation by Mr. Lurz, the EAC tentatively scheduled a stream cleanup for July.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.