

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 5th, 2023, at 7:30 P.M.

Plumstead Township Administrative Building

5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA 18947

Bala Sreenivasan, EAC Chairperson

Tovah Karl, Member

Andrew Thomas, Member

James Paul Johnson, Member

Parth Vaidyanath, Member

Thomas Lurz, Member

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Ms. Sreenivasan, seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Discussion of rescheduling the road clean-up added to the agenda.

Meeting Reschedule: Potential prompt to change the meeting time 7:00 P.M. was brought up. Upon discussion by the members, it was unanimously agreed upon to keep the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Debrief from the Township Supervisors Meeting: Ms. Sreenivasan and Ms. Karl attended the meeting and discussed the EAC's accomplishments and events in 2023. Will continue with the same events in the following year with two projects; the EAC aims to launch the reusable bag program in Easter, and potential creek clean-ups. Members discussed potential factors and times that would go into cleaning creeks and suggested a timeframe of April to May for this event with advice from Mr. Thomas. Tentative time for the 2024 Earth Day event was established to be April 20th following a suggestion by Mr. Johnson.

Comprehensive Plan Update: Mr. Johnson and Ms. Karl attended this event. Mr. Johnson was in the housing division and discussed his ideas on housing development while also maintaining the environment. Ms. Karl was in the public services discussion, where they talked about maintaining a balance of needs. Ms. Sreenivasan suggested advertising the free mulch offered to

the public and members prompted to work with Debbie to discuss doing so. Mr. Johnson and Ms. Karl will continue representing the EAC at this event.

Reusable Bag Program: Ms. Sreenivasan's notion was to give the members access to the EAC folders via teams due to issues with Dropbox. She mentions receipt of a query from a business, and therefore wants to follow up with ordering the bags; members volunteered for tasks to ensure that the bags are ordered by late-February to mid-March. Ms. Sreenivasan will contact all of the sponsors and update them on the status of the reusable bag initiative. Ms. Karl will reach out to partners to receive their logo for the bag designs. Mr. Johnson will contact the reusable bag manufacturer to ensure that the previous quote for producing the bags is the same. The members aim to complete all action items by the December EAC meeting.

Park Bench Project: Ms. Karl suggested a friendly competition between schools to gather plastics for the park bench project, with the total goal with all the schools being one thousand pounds in 12 months—the requirement for receiving the park bench. Mr. Thomas suggested receiving input from school principals before commencing the project due to potential concerns with commitment. Members then went over the conditions for the plastics, which only includes thin plastics, such as bread wraps and plastic water cases. Ms. Karl will connect with Angela with Ms. Sreenivasan and the program's company to discuss next steps with the project.

EAC members reaffirmed committing to events that were planned in advance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.