

# ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 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

Andy Thomas, Member

Ken Liechtenstein, Visiting Supervisor

Ms. Sreenivasan called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

Upon motion by Mr. Lurz, seconded by Ms. Karl, the December Minutes were approved.

**Earth Day Plans:** Ms. Sreenivasan suggested having the Earth Day event and the Electronic Recycling event in close proximity this year, and members discussed potential dates for the events; the members tentatively decided for the weekend of Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Reusable Bag Project:** Ms. Sreenivasan followed up on action items from the December 2023 meeting—she contacted all of the sponsors, and one volunteered to attend the EAC Earth Day event. Mr. Johnson contacted the bag manufacturer and determined that the bags will cost 5 cents less than originally intended. The members discussed updating the logos folder to include recently obtained logos to use for the bag design, and Ms. Karl will create a layout for the design for the bag. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Lurz mentioned a statistic about the efficacy of reusable bags and said that over time, the public will get better at using reusable bags. Mr. Johnson recalled the manufacture time of 8-12 weeks, meaning that the order for the bags should be placed as soon as possible. The members then discussed creating backup plans to ensure the reusable bags are received for Easter, as well as the number of bags that should be ordered. Mr. Johnson will be receiving a sample reusable and will be determining the quality of the bags based on that. Mr. Lurz and Ms. Sreenivasan will contact Diane Mills, to develop a layout for the graphic design of the reusable bags.

**Park Bench Project:** Ms. Sreenivasan will contact Angela to ask if Ms. Karl can contact public schools to initiate the park bench project.

**Stream Cleaning Ideas:** Ms. Karl suggested cleaning up the stream next to Groveland Elementary School due to its proximity and collaboration aspect with the students. Mr. Lurz suggested cleaning the Tohickon, due to its dense population with fishing and boating, mentioning that it is likely a heavy host of trash. The members also discussed rotating the stream choice annually. The members tentatively agreed to have the stream next to Groveland cleaned this year, and the Tohickon cleaned next year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.