

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2023, at 7:30 PM
Plumstead Township Administrative Building
5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA 18947

Matthew Rossi, EAC Chairperson
Tovah Karl, 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 7:43 PM

Approval of May Meeting Minutes – Upon motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Lurz, the May EAC minutes were unanimously approved.

Update on Monarch Way Station – Mr. Rossi stated that the EAC has coordinated to meet with Duane Freed on Monday, June 12 at 6:15 pm, depending on weather and that Ms. Susten will reach out to the members if the site visit needs to be rescheduled. Ms. Susten stated the site visit is to obtain Mr. Freed's approval of the location to then share with the Township Manager to move forward with the grant application.

Electronic Recycling Event – Mr. Rossi stated the event has been booked for Saturday, August 19 from 9 am to 1 pm and will be held at Haunsey Park. The members stated they are using PAR-Recycle Works, a non-profit that provides transitional employment and that the past events with this company were great. Ms. Susten stated that there are fees associated with some of the items and will create flyers and post on social media and the Township website to advertise the event and inform the residents of the cost associated with recycling certain items. The members discussed working in shifts and the possibility of creating lanes to make the event run smoother.

Reusable Bag Program – Ms. Susten stated that the EAC received another donation from Café with Soul. The members discussed continuing to reach out to local businesses and their follow-up efforts to have a variety of businesses to fill the space on the back of the reusable bag.

Table Event at the Plumsteadville Grange Farmers Market – Ms. Susten that the Grange, who is a sponsor of the reusable bag program, invited the EAC to attend their Saturday morning Farmers Market as part of their community outreach program. The EAC members discussed attending the market, on Saturday August 19, and sharing information related to the EAC's efforts.

Gardenville Field Educational Signs – Ms. Susten stated that the Heritage Conservancy monitors the Gardenville Fields and sent the Township their annual monitoring report and stated they have an issue with the educational signs that have been set up around the athletic fields as two of the plants mentioned in the sign are not native and are in fact, invasive. The members discussed if they should redo the entire

sign or see if there is a way to replace the existing areas that are incorrect with new information and photos.

LED Streetlight Conversion – Mr. Rossi asked the members if they think LED Streetlight Conversion would be a good project for the EAC to work on in the future. The members expressed interest and stated that converting existing parking and area lighting in the Township to LED would create cost savings to the Township and falls under the purview of the EAC. Mr. Rossi stated he would send an email to Ms. Benner stating the idea and for directions on the next steps.

Kellers Church Amended Final Land Development Review – The EAC reviewed the Kellers Church Amended Final Land Development Plan and discussed items for clarification and review. Mr. Rossi stated he will compile the comments and send the letter to Ms. Benner.

The EAC discussed that their July meeting is cancelled due to the July 4th holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.