

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 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
James Paul Johnson, Member
Andy Thomas, Member
Andrea Susten, Asst. to the Manager
Ken Lichtenstein, Board of Supervisor Liaison

Greg Bankos, Board of Supervisor

Mr. Rossi called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

Approval of the December 2022 Minutes – Upon motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded Ms. Karl, the December EAC minutes were unanimously approved.

EAC 2023 Tasks – Ms. Rossi summarized the EAC tasks that the Board of Supervisors (“BOS”) assigned them to focus on in the upcoming year, including having an EAC representative at the upcoming comprehensive plan meetings, launching the re-usable bag program, implementing the monarch way station, and holding another electronic recycling event. Additionally, the members discussed the Earth Day Event, continuing to conduct the scheduled tree plantings and road clean ups, conducting planning reviews, and submitting quarterly newsletter articles as well as addressing other requests from the BOS.

Township Comprehensive Plan and EAC Representative: Mr. Rossi stated that he would like to be the EAC representative and the EAC agreed. It was stated that the other members can attend as the meetings are open to the public.

Increasing Resident Engagement: Mr. Rossi stated he would like to brainstorm ways to increase resident engagement. The members agreed that the Earth Day Event will be a great opportunity to speak with residents and educate the community about what the EAC does and have more of a presence in the community. The members also stated they would like to participate more at Township events, specifically Park and Recreation events. Ms. Susten suggested increasing their educational output on social media and thinking about the opportunities for more information to be seen on the Township website. Ms. Karl stated that for Arbor Day tree planting the EAC could reach out to local organizations and maybe the schools to get the youth involved. She stated that the EAC used to connect with GIANT, and they used to sponsor tree plantings events and donate food and water. Mr. Lichtenstein stated he would reach out to the Boy Scouts to see if they would want to get involved with upcoming tree plantings.

Earth Day Event & Update on Outreach – Ms. Susten stated that she needs to connect with other car dealerships in the Township and surrounding areas as well as the bike shops to solidify interest and attendance. Mr. Thomas stated that he has a contact at PECO and would send Mr. Rossi thier information. Mr. Susten stated she would get the information about obtaining saplings from Arbor Day. Ms. Susten also stated that some ideas for kid friendly environmental activities could be making seed bombs, with soil and native seeds, and will look into other safe and fun activities.

Reusable Bags – Ms. Susten stated the letters are ready to be sent to the businesses within the next few weeks and is excited about the opportunity.

Monarch Way Station – Mr. Rossi stated that he spoke with Duane Freed, Parks and Recreation, regarding the location and stated that Duane was comfortable with the smaller location. Also, Mr. Rossi stated that Mr. Freed had a contact at Groveland Elementary School who was interested in volunteer activities for sixth graders. Mr. Rossi indicated he would reach out to her to see if the students can be part of this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.