

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 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
Bala Sreenivasan, Member
James Paul Johnson, Member
Andrea Susten, Asst. to the Manager
Ken Lichtenstein, Board of Supervisor Liaison

Mr. Rossi called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

Approval of the February 2023 Minutes – Upon motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded Mr. Vaidyanath, the February EAC minutes were unanimously approved.

EAC SALDO Reviews – Ms. Rossi reminded the members to utilize the drop box in order to contribute to the SALDO review process and asked that each member respond by either providing comments or stating that they do not have any comments.

Earth Day Event: Mr. Rossi stated that he spoke with a member of the community outreach team from PECO and received a commitment for attendance. He stated they plan to bring a table and speak to residents about energy efficiency. The members discussed creating education information, sign-up sheets, and brochures and suggested including a QR code to link back to the Township website. Ms. Karl suggested providing information about the Township's Adopt-a-Road program. The members discussed kid-friendly games to play. Ms. Susten suggested making 'seed bombs' using seeds and dirt, Mr. Rossi suggested a recycling game. Mr. Rossi stated he would gather the materials for the recycling, and Ms. Susten would work on providing information for a poster or display. Ms. Susten stated she would reach out to Bucks County Gardens to see if they are interested in a donation or sponsorship for seed bomb making station and/or saplings. Ms. Susten stated she would continue to post about the event on the Township's Facebook Page and post on other media websites to spread the word.

Reusable Bag Program: Mr. Rossi stated the letters have been sent and he will monitor the EAC email for responses.

Monarch Waystation – Mr. Rossi stated that he connected with a teacher from Groveland Elementary School who is involved with a club that is interested in volunteering with establishing and helping maintain the monarch waystation. Ms. Sreenivasan stated she will work on the application and determine what additional information is needed.

Arbor Day Tree Planting– Mr. Rossi stated that the road clean-up and tree planting is still scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 8-11 PM. Mr. Rossi stated he spoke with Duane Freed and Herb the Township Arborist, who stated they are looking to do the planting either at Owls Nest or Landis Park. Mr. Rossi stated he would share the exact location once it is determined.

Upcoming Newsletter Ideas– Mr. Rossi stated he would like to EAC to start to think of ideas for the next newsletter. Ms. Susten stated that they could always share photos and a summary of the latest events, which the EAC agreed it would be a good idea to get residents involved in the work that is being done.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.