



UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP

175 W. Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406-1802

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Upper Merion Township Building
175 W. Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

October 16th Meeting at 6:30 PM

Meeting Called to Order at 6:33 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

In person: Zachary Davis, Jaquelin Camp, Mark Vondra, Allison O'Donnell, Carole Kenney, Vicki Meitus, Rose Grosso, Kabindra Shakya, Theresa Landewe

Guests: Jarrett Lash, Matt Popek

Absent: Louise Willis

Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 2024 Meeting Minutes

Theresa moved to approve, Mark seconded, all were in favor

Comments from Chairperson: no comments

Reports and Discussions

1. Administrative Tasks
 - Meeting Schedule for 2024: November 6th and December 18th
2. Prioritization Recap: will break down into areas: Sustainability; Natural Resource; Energy Transitions and Code Reform. All areas will consider public communication and education

Sustainability

- Plastic Pollution Reduction Ordinance: no update
- Artificial Turf: no update
- Wastewater Treatment Facility: Zachary and Carole shared the three different options of the sledge disposal and the impact it may have regarding cost, etc.
- Recycling Programs (Halloween costumes, sporting equipment, etc.)

Natural Resources

- Healthy Yard Program: Theresa reported the roll out was at the Oct. 5th Fall Fair at Heuser Park, plants are being ordered for Healthy Yard starter kits
- Rain Garden: November 5th will be weeding event for the rain gardens.
- Invasive Plant : no updates

Energy Transition



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- EV Charging Stations: Mark spoke with Lucid, Tesla Collision Centers, Polestar regarding Upper Merion township EV ordinance. EAC unanimously agrees that the Township needs to revisit the current EVCS Ordinance based on feedback from EAC.
- RF100: no updates

Code Reform

- Parking Reform Presentation at EAC Conference: presentation at EAC conference went well
- Next Steps and new ideas (EV-ready building, solar ready building, new construction): tabled until next meeting

3. Comprehensive Plan Presentation from Jarrett Lash and Planning Commission: Jarrett gave overview of the comprehensive plan which included comprehensive plan goals; shared the existing conditions which includes: Housing Movement, Land Use, Natural Resources and Community Facilities. There will be two open houses regarding the Comprehensive Plan which include displays, activities, etc. Dates are November 7th 1-3:30 PM at the Senior Center at the Upper Merion Community Center and November 21st from 6-9:00 PM in Freedom Hall at the Township Building. Engage.montgomerycounty.gov has information on the Montgomery County Comprehensive plan.

New Business: none

Board Liason: No additional comments

Staff liason: none

Public Comment: none

Adjournment: meeting was adoured at 9:32 PM.

Submitted by: Vicki Meitus

Approved: Zach Davis

Date: 06 Nov 2024

Signature: 