



UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP

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

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

November 6th Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 6:39 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

In person: Zach Davis, Louise Willis, Allison O'Donnell, Theresa Landewe, Jaque Camp, Carole Kenney, Kabindra Shakya, Mark Vondra, Vicki Meitus

Not Present: Rose Grosso

Approval of October Meeting Minutes- motion by Theresa Landewe and seconded by Mark Vondra. All approved.

Comments from Chairperson:

Reports and Discussions

1. Administrative Tasks
 - Next month's meeting is Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30pm
 - Will decide January meeting date at the December meeting. January is re-org meeting where we will decide meeting date/time, location, and officers.
2. Sustainability
 - Plastic Pollution Reduction Ordinance: Thursday night, 11/7/2024, there is a Board Supervisor workshop that will include discussion of some parts of the Ordinance regarding possible changes. EAC created a statement regarding not to alter the single use plastic ordinance by removing the fee on any paper bag. Theresa made motion to approve the statement and Jaque seconded. EAC vote: all in favor
 - Artificial Turf: no update
 - Wastewater Treatment Facility: no update
 - Recycling programs (Halloween costumes, sporting equipment, etc.): no update
3. Natural Resources
 - Healthy Yard Program: Theresa shared the EAC Healthy Yard program recognition sign that a resident will get to put in their yard if they receive a score of 15 or higher on the Healthy Yard Recognition Application. This also has a QR code that links to information on the program. In addition, there is a QR code and a link on the Township website that describes the program.
 - Plants have been ordered for the April Earth Day event. This will be the 'Grand Opening' of the Healthy Yard Program.
 - Rain Garden: had 8 volunteers from the High School
 - Invasive Plant Ordinance: no update
 - Discussed 'curb cut rain gardens'.
4. Energy Transition



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- EV Charging Stations: no update however a PECO grant was applied that would create two dual-head charging stations that will be located at the Community Center.
- RF100: no update
- Fleet EV Meeting Recap: Carole and Zach met with Blaine Leis, Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety, about adding more EV's to the current police fleet.

5. Code Reform

- Parking Reform: Farmer's Market had night markets in October. This created parking concerns and safety. Discussed parking reform and changing some of the parking at NorView Farms
- Next Steps and new ideas (EV-ready building, solar ready building, new construction): no update

New Business

- Parks and Rec Earth Day Festival: Louise will talk to Paige Wildason ideas for Earth Day. Vicki will help and Louise will share information with EAC so all can help where possible.
- Additional topics: Talked re: Bird Town Pennsylvania.

Board Liaison: Carole as well as Mark had a meeting with Jared regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Discussed Township parking, stormwater runoff, ordinances that need to be updated, etc.

Public Comment: no comments

Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 8:20. Theresa made motion to adjourn and Louise seconded.

Submitted by: V. Meitus

Approved: _____

Date: _____