



Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee June 25, 2013 7:00PM

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) was held on June 25, 2013 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the EAC in attendance included: Beth Staab, Vere Archibald, Terry Wilson, Jeff Gibbons and Mahbubur Meenar. Also in attendance was Stacy Crandell, Assistant to the Township Manager and Joseph Walsh, Board Liaison.

Call to Order- Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:07PM.

Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2013

Terry Wilson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 23, 2013 and Mahbubur Meenar seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Public Comment

None.

New Business

None.

Old Business

Bike Trail/Walking Routes Update

Beth Staab thanked Mahbubur Meenar for sending out the valuable information about bike paths in the City. The Committee discussed how to move forward on this project. The mission was for the Committee to determine the safest bike routes to have residents of all ages to ride to destinations within our Township. Using the map, Barry Baker has been working on, the Committee is going to divide up the map into different quadrants. The assignments for the quadrants are as follows:

- 1-NW (Terry)
- 2-NE (Jeff)
- 3- SW (Beth)
- 4- SE (Jeanine)

The four Committee members will drive or ride the proposed routes and determine the following:

1. Shoulder:
 - a. Paved or Unpaved?

- b. Size of paved portion?
 - c. Is there room to pave or extend shoulder pavement?
 - d. Does the shoulder area vary along the route?
2. Sidewalk:
 - a. Is there a Sidewalk?
3. Is there a Safer Route via adjacent Neighborhood?
4. Speed Limit along route?
5. Pedestrian Crossings at intersections?
6. Crossing 309- Are there any safe crossings across 309 other than over the 202 Parkway?
7. Destinations: Location of Bike Racks?

Mahbubur Meenar asked if there is a map showing sidewalks, trails, bike lanes, for every road in the Township. Stacy said that she would check with the Traffic Engineer.

Beth also asked about Park and Recreation Signs for trails. She thought she heard they are working on this. Stacy will look into this and see what the Park and Recreation Board is working on as far as signage for trails.

Event Ideas- Seminars

The Committee would like to defer this to the next meeting. Beth Staab wanted all of the Committee members to think about some different seminars they would like to have.

Autumn Festival

The Committee discussed different ideas for Autumn Festival, which will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 10AM-4PM. Stacy will order leaf waste bags to be handed out during the event and we also have some extra reusable grocery bags to hand out.

Beth Staab made some suggestions for Autumn Festival this year, including having Impact Thrift Store and they can show how they rehab furniture through a demonstration. She also suggested contacting Montgomery County to see if rain barrels or compost bins are available for demonstration or for raffle. Jeff Gibbons suggested that they have Briar Bush Nature Center come back since they were great at Earth Day. Stacy will talk to Sharon Tucker about having the Briar Bush Nature Center at the event and get back to the Committee. The Committee liked all of the ideas.

Next Meeting

The next EAC meeting will be July 23, 2013 at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:04PM.