



Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee September 24, 2013 7:00PM

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) was held on September 24, 2013 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the EAC in attendance included: Beth Staab, Jeff Gibbons, and Barry Baker. Also in attendance was Joseph Walsh, Board Liaison, Stacy Crandell, Assistant to the Township Manager and Chris Green from Gilmore & Associates, Township Engineer.

Call to Order- Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:11PM.

Approval of Minutes – July 23, 2013

The minutes were reviewed prior to the Committee meeting and Terry Wilson provided comments prior to the meeting since he could not be in attendance. Barry Baker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 23, 2013 and Jeff Gibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Public Comment

None.

New Business

DVRPC Grant Presentation- PECO Powerline Trail Connector Feasibility Study

Chris Green from Gilmore & Associates, the Township Engineer, was in attendance to discuss the PECO Powerline Trail Connector Feasibility Study. This study was funded through a grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC). Chris Green went over the possible routes that the Township was considering. After consideration, two routes were selected as the most feasible. Chris Green discussed the pros and the issues with each of the routes.

The Committee had positive feedback for both of the possible routes. They liked the off-road option since this route would be more scenic and have less traffic. However, they were fine with the other route; although concerned about the traffic and the speed limit on the road. The Committee liked the connection between the 202 Parkway Trail, Township Building, new Community Center as well as the connection with Friendship Park, the new park that is being developed by Cutler.

Old Business

Bike Trail/Walking Routes Update

The Committee talked about the bike trail/walking routes project. The Committee will continue to work on their assigned quadrant to see what is currently in place and what improvements may be needed. Also, Joe Walsh stated that he talked to the Police Chief, and was told that bike riders are allowed to share the sidewalk with pedestrians.

Autumn Festival- October 5, 2013

Stacy Crandell talked about the schedule for working Autumn Festival and reminded EAC members to wear their EAC shirts to the event. Also, Stacy explained that all of the materials for the table were ready and leaf waste bags were delivered.

Stacy discussed the dates for next year's events for the 300th Anniversary and asked the Committee to save the dates for participation. Stacy will email the Committee the dates for next year.

Spring Event Ideas- Seminars

Beth Staab recommended that we table this topic until the next meeting. Stacy Crandell stated that she spoke with the Recreation Office and has a list of possible seminar ideas. Stacy will put together a list of possible seminar topics that are offered through the Penn State Extension Program for discussion at the October Meeting.

Budget

Stacy Crandell also briefly talked about the EAC Budget for 2014. Joe Walsh added that the Board of Supervisors is going to use some of the EAC funds for geothermal energy and other environmental initiatives for the new community center. The Committee liked that the Board of Supervisors was making a commitment to environmental initiatives for the building.

Next Meeting

The next EAC meeting will be October 22, 2013 at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.