



**Montgomery Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
January 22, 2013
7:00PM**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) was held on January 22, 2013 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the EAC in attendance included: Beth Staab, Jeff Gibbons, Vere Archibald, and Terry Wilson. Also in attendance were Stacy Crandell, Assistant to the Township Manager, and Ashley Pompei, Director of Marketing for the Montgomery Mall.

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order

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

II. Reorganization

Jeff Gibbons entertained nominations for Committee Chair. Beth Staab was nominated for Committee Chair and unanimously elected to remain Chair of the Committee for 2013. Jeff Gibbons was nominated for Vice-Chair and was unanimously elected to remain Vice-Chair for 2013.

III. Call to Order- Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:20PM.

IV. Approval of Minutes – December 3, 2012

Beth Staab made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 3, 2012 and Jeff Gibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

V. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VI. New Business

Earth Day 2013

The Committee discussed Earth Day along with Ashley Pompei, the Director of Marketing for the Montgomery Mall. The shredding and e-recycling will happen outside in the parking lot near Dick's Sporting Goods from 10AM-1PM. Ashley will contact the shredding company and 1-800-GOT-JUNK® to set-up the shredding and e-recycling events, respectively. The Committee asked Ashley to get a complete list of items that vendors are willing to accept for recycling since last year this was not clear.

The Committee decided to shorten the indoor exhibits from 11AM-2PM. The Committee's theme for the Earth Day Event was to have demonstrations about emerging technologies. Vere Archibald will talk to some people at the company he works for to see if they would like to have a table at the event. Beth Staab will contact the local elementary schools, Penn State and Wissahickon Watershed. Stacy Crandell will contact the Police, Fire and Shade Tree Commission to see if they would like to participate. Ashley Pompei will look into having some cars at the Mall as in past events.

The Committee discussed having outside vendors (i.e., non-affiliates of the Mall) at the Earth Day event. Ashley said that anyone is welcomed but outside vendors will have to pay a fee. Any outside vendors should be referred to Ashley Pompei.

The committee discussed finalizing all of the details at the February Meeting so they can start publicizing the event. Stacy Crandell explained that we have two or three boxes of reusable shopping bags for the event and coloring books. The Committee agreed not to purchase any additional promotional items for Earth Day; instead wait until planning for Autumn Festival to see what to purchase and hand out.

VII. Old Business

Bike Trail/Walking Routes Update

Barry Baker is working on this and will have an update for the February 26th Meeting.

Green Tips & Permission to Use the Website

Beth Staab has tried to contact the website that had the useful Green Tips. We are going to use the information and cite them as the source for the information.

Open Space Committee Member

Stacy Crandell explained that there is a vacancy for an EAC member on the Open Space Committee. She explained that the Committee meets quarterly on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30PM. Any interested EAC members should contact Stacy Crandell.

ICLEI Membership

Stacy Crandell made the Committee aware that the Township has renewed its membership with ICLEI.

Next Meeting

The next EAC meeting will be February 26, 2013 at 7:00PM. Ashley Pompei with the Montgomery Mall will attend the next few EAC meetings to prepare for the collaborative Earth Day Event. Also, Barry Baker will have an update on the Bike Trail project at our next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:13PM. **The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be February 26, 2013 at 7:00PM.**