



Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee February 26, 2013 7:00PM

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) was held on February 26, 2013 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the EAC in attendance included: Beth Staab, Jeanine Hurry, Barry Baker and Terry Wilson. Also in attendance was Stacy Crandell, Assistant to the Township Manager.

Call to Order- Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:17PM.

Approval of Minutes – January 22, 2013

Beth Staab made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 22, 2013 and Terry Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Public Comment

Nick Fortune, a former EAC member, talked about living in Australia and some of the environmental differences from USA.

New Business

None.

Old Business

Earth Day Update

Beth Staab asked the Committee about partnering with other EACs in the North Penn Area to see if they would like to work together for an Earth Day Event at the Mall similar to the North Penn Recreation's joint event, Winter Blast. The Committee was open to this idea for next year.

Ashley Pompei, the Marketing Director for the Montgomeryville Mall, was not able to attend the meeting, but she confirmed that Titan Mobile Shredding will attend. After the meeting, Staff will follow up with Ashley about what she is working on since the Committee needs a status update from the Mall on the following items:

- 1-800 GOT JUNK and what e-recycling items they will accept.
- Cars for Displays
- Kidgits Crafts (nothing Styrofoam- keep it environmentally friendly)
- Location of the Shredding for the Flyer

Stacy Crandell spoke about the people who were confirmed to participate in the Earth Day Celebration. Police will be outside assisting with free shredding and e-recycling activities. Sharon

Tucker, Recreation Coordinator for the Township, will be attending the event and handing out information about upcoming programs, including Kids University.

Beth Staab discussed the organizations that she has confirmed to attend the event. Here are the following organizations that are confirmed:

- **Penn State Cooperative Extension (1 Table)**- Beth spoke with Linda Hoade and she said that she would have one of the Master Gardeners at the event to talk about container gardening, composting and more.
- **PowerSave Schools (Formerly known as Green Schools) (2 Tables)**- Jacqui Baxter and Tom Schneider will be attending and handing information. They will also explain how they have saved energy costs in the school district.
- **Bridle Path Green Team (2 Tables)**- Beth stated that the Green Team from Bridle Path will be there with their Book Bugs.
- **Township Information (2 Tables)**
- **Wissahickon Watershed (Not Confirmed yet)**- Barry Baker has spoken with some people from the organization but is not receiving a lot of support for attending the event. He is going to call someone else there to follow up. There has been a lot of changes in organization.

Jeanine Hurry suggested contacting an animal or nature center to see about bringing out some animals like an owl and having a demonstration or something like that. Beth will be contacting Briar Bush in Willow Grove to see if they are interested. The Committee asked if we have a budget to give a modest donation to the organization. Staff will look into that.

Stacy Crandell will work on updating the flyer and sending it to the Committee for approval before mid-March. Beth suggested keeping it the same except take out the border line.

Bike Trail/Walking Routes Update

Barry Baker has been working on destination points in a GIS System to see where the trails are currently, and where some possible connections to them could be made. The two major trails in the Township is the 202 Parkway Shared Use Path and the Powerline Trail, which the Open Space Committee is working to complete soon.

Barry asked the Committee members to take a look at their neighborhoods and some destinations. He would like the Committee to see if there are any options for biking and walking through the neighborhoods to these destinations and then he can map them.

Social Media

Beth Staab asked about the Township's involvement with Social Media. Stacy Crandell explained that the Public Information Coordinator is responsible for social media. The Township has a static Facebook page and a Twitter account. Once the Earth Day event gets closer, Stacy will make sure the event is tweeted out.

Next Meeting

The next EAC meeting will be March 26, 2013 at 7:00PM. The next meeting will focus primarily on the Earth Day as it will be the last meeting before the event on April 20, 2013 and the Committee will also revisit the Bike Trail discussion.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:45PM. The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be March 26, 2013 at 7:00PM.