



Montgomery Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
August 23, 2011
7:30pm

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) was held on August 23, 2011 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the EAC in attendance included: Beth Staab, Jeff Gibbons, Terry Wilson and Supervisor Joe Walsh. Also in attendance were Bruce Shoupe, Director of Planning and Zoning; and Kate Grubb.

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:38pm.

II. Reorganization

Beth Staab entertained nominations for Committee Chair. Terry Wilson nominated Beth Staab as Committee Chair and Jeff Gibbons seconded the nomination. The nomination passed 3-0. Beth Staab nominated Jeff Gibbons as Vice-Chair and Terry Wilson seconded the nomination. The nomination passed 3-0.

III. Approval of Minutes – May 24, 2011

Terry Wilson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 24, 2011 and Jeff Gibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

IV. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

V. Old Business

Energy Audit

Bruce Shoupe recommended tabling discussion of the energy audit to November and Beth Staab agreed. Beth Staab also noted that while data entry is not her forte, there are other committee members who excel with computer software and data entry. The committee will continue to look for volunteers to assist with this endeavor.

Stormwater Basin Update

Bruce Shoupe commented that he can email the Boucher and James Report to committee members. In summary, Bruce Shoupe noted that there are 14 basins within the Township and the engineers did an analysis. For the most part, the naturalized basins are all doing very well minus weed vegetation that needs to be controlled. With all of the converted basins, there have only been about 6 complaints in total. Supervisor Joe Walsh commented that resident response to the basins has been quiet and that is good. Bruce Shoupe continued that bird species

have increased in some basins. Delaware Valley Insurance Trust (DVIT) has done an evaluation on what the Township can and cannot do regarding basins, i.e. fencing, etc. Jeff Gibbons stated that this type of update about good sustainability is a news-worthy story with perhaps an article posted on the website.

Coordinating Trash Pick-Up for Parks & Streams

Beth Staab and Nick Fortune conducted the Enviroscape demonstration during Kids University's Environmental week, which was the week of August 1st. The park & stream trash pick-up was cancelled during that week due to excessive heat. The EAC will continue with earth friendly demonstrations and the organized park & stream trash pick-up for 2012 events, such as Earth Day and Kids University.

Autumn Festival

The committee decided that it would man one table at Autumn Festival on October 1, 2011. The table will be manned from 9:30am to 4:30pm by committee members. In lieu of paper literature, the committee will utilize display boards promoting environmental tips and the Township's EAC/Earth Friendly website as well as hand out reusable grocery bags and coloring books. The committee expressed an interest to invite Susan Ryan from PECO to attend the event and share table space. Kate Grubb will send out a reminder email to committee members regarding the 3-hour commitment to man the table.

Recycling Bins

Discussion was held regarding the installation of recycling containers at Windlestrae Park. There was a unanimous vote to recommend recycling at Windlestrae Park, particularly the Main, Zehr & Rose Twig sections. The EAC will leave the type and location of recycling bins at the discretion of Public Works.

VI. Other Business

There was some discussion about moving the September EAC meeting up a week from the 27th to the 20th to allow additional preparation for Autumn Festival on October 1, 2011. Due to scheduling conflicts, the September meeting will proceed as scheduled on the 27th at 7:30pm.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:23pm. **The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be September 27, 2011 at 7:30pm.**