



**Montgomery Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
April 22, 2014
7:00PM**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) was held on April 22, 2014 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the EAC in attendance included: Vere Archibald, Jeanine Hurry, Jeff Gibbons, Mahbubur Meenar, and Terry Wilson. Also in attendance were Joe Walsh, Board Liaison and Stacy Crandell, Assistant to the Township Manager.

Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM.

Approval of Minutes – February 25, 2014

Terry Wilson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 25, 2014 and Jeanine Hurry seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment

None.

New Business

Master Watershed Program

Stacy Crandell asked the Committee what their thoughts were on having a Master Watershed Program through the Penn State Extension. No one was able to attend the April 3rd information meeting. The Committee felt it was a good program and wanted to be kept informed about its progress.

Old Business

Bike Trail/Walking Routes Update

Christy Staudt from Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. attended the meeting to discuss the bike trail project and the next steps forward. Christy gave an overview of the project and showed different maps that should be cross-referenced with the maps the Committee has been working on to see what other regional trails the paths could connect to. These maps include the comprehensive plan maps, trails & open space, transit routes, county transportation plan, and the Circuit Map. Christy stressed the importance of tying all of the information together, since this approach can help with funding.

Christy showed some examples of the types of design options that could potentially be used to complete the routes. She also discussed the next steps for the project including prioritization of routes, plan completion and investigating funding sources. Christy will put together a cost estimate for services involved in putting together a plan.

Spring Seminar Update

The bat house and the rain barrel were purchased for the Spring Seminars. Stacy Crandell asked the Committee to spread the word about the seminars so they have a good turnout.

Joe Walsh also announced that there is still space available for the 5K Run on May 17th.

Next Meeting

Since the Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, the next EAC meeting will be on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:07PM. The **next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be May 28, 2014 at 7:00PM.**