



Upper Uwchlan Township

Environmental Advisory Council Meeting

February 1, 2022 – 6:00 PM – Upper Uwchlan Township Building
Minutes

Attendees

Council members Amit Dalvi, Madhu Gurthy, Neil Phillips, Patti Spackman, and Meredith Squitiere attended. Assistant Township Manager Shanna Lodge attended. Also present was Joe Stoyack, Vice-Chair of the Upper Uwchlan Township Planning Commission.

Call to Order

Neil Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM.

Review of Minutes

Neil asked for comments on the minutes of January 4. There were no comments. Meredith moved, and Madhu seconded, to approve the minutes of January 4, 2022. The motion carried.

Consideration of EAC Logo

It was the consensus of the Council to adopt the draft logo circulated prior to the meeting. The logo will be used on future document and materials for the Council.

Upcoming Event Planning

Earth Day Event – The EAC will hold an inaugural Earth Day Celebration on April 23 at the Barn at Upland Farm. Neil provided suggestions of organizations to ask to participate, including utility agencies, food trucks, and governmental agencies/departments. Shanna will follow up with a list for outreach and follow up about inclusion of commercial vendors. Madhu offered to request resources of the local schools. The group decided on 11am - 2pm for the event time, rain or shine. Music/entertainment is to be determined.

Block Party – The annual Township-wide event is scheduled for June 18 at 6 PM. Suggestions for the EAC booth at this event included: a photo display of the Earth Day Event; save-the-date fliers for upcoming events. Outreach materials for various initiatives.

UUT Comprehensive Plan

Planning Commission Vice-Chair Joe Stoyack presented a summary of the Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan), an effort undertaken every ten years. The last UUT Comp Plan was completed in 2014. All volunteer Boards and Commissions contribute to the Comprehensive Plan. Joe suggested that the EAC could contribute to this document, its appendices regarding sustainability, and the Open Space, Recreation, and Environmental Resources Plan. Specifically, he invited the EAC to offer insight on priorities from their perspectives. He advised that an initial, partial draft of the Comp Plan is slated for

completion in 2022. Review and consolidation will follow in 2023, with final approval by the BOS in 2024.

Neil inquired about to what extent Federal infrastructure funding could be put toward efforts in the existing plan – particularly concerning stormwater.

Joe made himself available to discuss further via email and offered to attend the next meeting.

New Business

Neil suggested the group begin planning for the fall event. There was a discussion of joining with the West Vincent EAC for their annual shredding event. Madhu will reach out to contacts both about shredding and seeds for Earth Day. Shanna will follow up for dates for Electronics Recycling Event.

Patti suggested getting a banner and other signage for upcoming events, as well as ordering supplies for any take and make projects/demo stations at Earth Day event.

Shanna reminded the group about their plan for outreach regarding recycling resources/locations and invited anyone interested in creating that to send it to her.

Neil reiterated the need to take action on stormwater. Shanna will connect Neil to Tony and County resources.

Open Session

Meredith inquired whether any member has attended the education events circulated via email. Some members are signed up for upcoming events. Shanna offered an update about the trash/recycling contracts, which the Board of Supervisors will review and consider at an upcoming meeting.

Adjournment

Amit moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shanna Lodge