



Upper Uwchlan Township

Environmental Advisory Council Meeting

April 5, 2022 – 6:00 PM – Upland Farm Barn
Minutes

Attendees

Council members Amit Dalvi, Madhu Gurthy, Neil Phillips, Patti Spackman, and Meredith Squitiere attended. Assistant Township Manager Shanna Lodge attended. One member of the public attended.

Call to Order

Neil Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Review of Minutes

Neil asked for comments on the minutes of March 1. Shanna advised that she has updated the statement to the DEP to reflect what was submitted. Meredith moved, and Amit seconded, to approve the minutes of March 1, 2022 with this edit. The motion carried.

Old Business

Earth Day Celebration Event

Madhu reviewed the plan for games to be led by high schooler volunteers. Madhu has recruited about 14 students to help with the event. Five games have been planned. Madhu will schedule a Zoom meeting with the volunteers ahead of the event to coordinate and offer instructions. Shanna will gather remaining supplies needed for the games.

Shanna reviewed the list of participants, including food vendors.

Regarding outreach, flyers have been distributed to local schools and homeowners' associations. Shanna will create a Facebook event for the Celebration. Neil advised that the Council should invite all the members of Township Boards and Commissions.

The group decided to meet at the Park on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:00 PM for a final logistics planning session.

New Business

Girl Scouts Flower Garden Offer

Leaders of Girl Scout Troop 4151 reached out to the Township to inquire whether their Troop can complete their Silver Project by building and planting a garden of native plants and pollinators. It was the consensus of the Council that this would be a worthwhile project and could assist toward the goal of landscaping around the historic farmhouse in a manner inspired by historic home gardens. Patti suggested that the Troop adopt the maintenance of the garden as well as its construction to ensure the

garden is upkeep. With the EAC's sign off, Shanna will proceed to talk with the Township facilities team about the best location and set up and get in touch with the Troop leaders about their needs and plan.

Presentation for UUT Boards and Commissions Meeting

Neil will represent the Council at the April 12, 2022 bi-annual Boards and Commissions meeting. He shared his plan for a presentation at that meeting, which included the Council's upcoming events, the review of the Comprehensive Plan, educational endeavors, and other projects.

Comprehensive Plan Review

The Council reviewed sections 1 and 6 of the 2014 Comprehensive Plan. Questions included: Have the goals listed in the plan have been met or what progress has been made toward meeting them? Has the Township ever established an Open Space Committee? The EAC would like to be involved in the efforts toward Plan goals moving forward, especially as those goals relate to open space, environmental programs, and other issues for which the Council has been empowered to oversee in their establishing ordinance. Issues that should be prioritized in section 6 of the Plan update include: stormwater management facilities; funding streams for open space; rain gardens and other small features as a supplement to greenways; and better review of land development plans by both the Park and Recreation Board and the EAC.

Open Session

Shanna noted that the Township has received two social media messages with ideas relevant to the EAC. One resident shared information about the Stroud Water Research Center. The group decided to reach out to the Center to see if they are available for the Earth Day Event. The other request came from Melissa Boss, a resident who was present at the meeting. Melissa shared about a program called "No Mow May," an effort to enhance the impact of pollinator plants, recognizing the habitat that a lawn can contain.

Adjournment

There being no more items before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shanna Lodge