



Upper Uwchlan Township

Environmental Advisory Council Meeting
September 6, 2002 – 6:00 PM – Township Building
Minutes

Attendees

Council members Amit Dalvi, Madhu Gurthy, Neil Phillips, Patti Spackman and Meredith Squitiere attended. Township Manager Tony Scheivert and West Vincent EAC member Donna Delaney attended.

Call to Order

Neil Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Review of Minutes

Neil asked for comments on the minutes of August 2nd. Madhu moved, and Patti seconded, to approve the minutes of August 2nd, 2022. The motion carried.

Guest Speaker

Donna Delany – West Vincent EAC

Guest Speaker Donna Delany from West Vincent EAC visited the meeting and reviewed what West Vincent EAC has done. Their tasks are divided into two different areas: formal work - ordinance review, review plans and review for accordance with ordinances. Also assist with guiding the management of Township open space.

Other focus area is education and community engagement. In 2021 started a garden club and a nature club. Nature club assists with taking care of tree plantings. Gardening club for people who love gardening. Pollinator program based around monarch and giving away free stuff. This helped boost garden club membership from 30 to 40 to over 200. Both clubs educationally motivated. Pollinator friendly yards through Penn State master gardening club. West Vincent has a EAC and sustainability committee. Their Commission has 7 members and meets the first Thursday of the month at 7PM.

Donna noted that the Northern Chester County EAC meets at 8:30AM Saturday, 9-20. Donna also announced that there would a panel discussion about the County's green initiatives at 7PM at West Chester University September 20th.

Old Business

Water Protection Fee Program

Tony reviewed an email from Russ Benner from T&M Associates outlining their plan to get information to the EAC on the Storm Water Fee for the October 4th meeting. T&M will be attending the meeting and will be presenting on next steps.

Neil reviewed two education programs he will be attending on storm water. The CWMP program Tony will be joining Neil.

Upcoming Township Events

Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 29th from 3PM – 5PM. Bulbs are ordered and set to ship before the event.

E-waste and Document shredding on October 22 – all set. Help needed to direct people to where they drop off electronics and shredding. Public Works staff will be onsite to help with traffic control.

Green Drop November 12th – at Upland Farm. Tony will get signs that say green drop donation this Saturday so signs can be re-used year after year.

Tree Lighting November 26th – need time and ideas for a craft or project for the EAC to do with participants.

Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance

An ordinance to discuss banning the use of plastic grocery bags was discussed. Tony will get sample ordinances to review in October.

Sustainable Community Assessment

Looking for more of a report that is easy for residents and others to read and understand. Plan is to have this task moved from Comp Plan Committee to the EAC for completion.

Open Session

Patti attending Keep PA Beautiful training session.

Neil shared the guidelines for the EAC and the Township BOS goals and priorities. Tony spoke about board priorities and open space preservation. Neil mentioned mapping and working on priorities from the BOS.

Tony handed out information on a upcoming Storm Water training being presented by the West Pikeland EAC in late September and October.

Group discussed the PECO green region grant and possible projects. Neil brought up pole mounted charging stations. Needs to talk to PECO about this option and the possibility of using the green region grant for this project.

Neil provided conservancy staff with list of trees from NJ tree foundation.

Meredith will be sending an email to members about an educational event being held virtually on 9-14 featuring Douglas Tallamy.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the EAC will be held Tuesday, October 4th at 6 PM at the Township Building.

Adjournment

There being no more items before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Scheivert