

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2012

In Attendance: Keith Peters, Chairman; Alfred Hopkin, Jeffrey Fehr, Ethan Prout, Kevin Brand, EAC Members; E Thomas Scarborough, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Sandra Brookley Zadell, Assistant Township Manager, Staff Liaison.

Visitors: Madelyn Rawley and Phillip Haas

Mr. Haas presented recycling containers that his company manufactures. They have a large variety of containers. They have permanent and temporary container options, such as a bag and frame system. They are a member of Co-Stars and they have a lot of options for containers that can have ads or sponsorships, etc.

Ms. Rawley presented about ACT 13. The premise of ACT 13 removes municipal rights to regulate fracking permits within the municipality. She has a suggested resolution for the Board of Supervisors to endorse the efforts of Delaware Valley River Keeper in challenging the validity of ACT 13. There was a sample letter of support and resolution included in her presentation.

After both of these presentations were completed Mr. Peters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fehr to have the EAC issue a memo to the Board of Supervisors indicating that we should utilize recycling containers similar to what Mr. Haas presented without an objection from the Park & Recreation Board for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Peters then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fehr, to issue a memo to the Board of Supervisors indicating that the EAC and the Board of Supervisors disagree with The usurping of municipal rights included in ACT 13.

The motion passed.

Mr. Fehr stated that he would help write the memo to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Prout stated that the DEP has three different webinars on their website about ACT 13.

Mr. Fehr also stated that Ms. Rawley presentation was well prepared, and that possibly the EAC should send her a thank you note. Mr. Peters stated that he would send thank yous both to Mr. Haas and Ms. Rawley.

On a motion made by Mr. Brand, seconded by Mr. Prout the February 14, 2012 minutes were approved. The motion passed.

The EAC reviewed the Nejad Plan; they have no comment at this time.

The EAC reviewed the Final Thompson Plan; they have no further comments at this time.

Mrs. Zadell reported to the group that she did receive a \$7,500 SWANA Grant to help fund the use of a trash consultant in exploring our trash situation in the Township. Mr. Peters will start an email list of questions for the EAC to help start crafting the scope of work for the consultant. He is going to start with our already created topics that Mrs. Zadell will email to him from last month.

Mr. Peters reported on the Bird town Assembly on March 17, 2012. He stated that it was well attended; there were 26 attendees at the assembly. The Township is in the process of choosing a flagship property, which would highlight the Birdtown property. The Heritage Conservancy would like to partner and have their property be the next property.

This would include training participants at their property and encouraging the neighbors to plant bird friendly plants.

Mr. Fehr did state that possibly Central Park or one of the other Township parks might be a better location but Mr. Peters stated that we want to encourage collaboration with residents.

Mr. Peters discussed the Historic Tree memo that they had sent to the Board of Supervisors several months ago. Mrs. Zadell stated that Ms. Mason would like Mr. Peters to attend the next board meeting on April 17, 2012 to clarify the different options for a Historic Tree Ordinance, punitive versus celebratory, etc. Mr. Peters agreed to attend the meeting.

The EAC then discussed the EAC Summit that will occur on May 17, 2012 at 7:00pm. Mr. Peters stated that there are 115 municipalities on our list, he wondered if we should follow up our email invites with phone calls. The committee decided against doing that. Mrs. Zadell will follow up with Tom Kelso to ask him to be a speaker, we also have Doris Clegg as a speaker confirmed and Doylestown Borough is handling the speakers on Faith Groups and EAC Effectiveness.

The EAC is thinking that for the setup at the event they would like to have 4 large tables with many chairs around them for break out sections.

Mr. Prout will also contact Phil Haas to ask about possibly being a sponsor of the EAC Summit.

Mr. Peters mentioned he would like to do a paper survey at the end of the summit, just to make sure that we actually get responses since at the last EAC Summit we put the surveys on flash drives and didn't receive any responses.

Mrs. Zadell will send an email to Khiet Luong at PEC to explain about our speakers and to welcome the speakers that PEC had set up at their summit to our summit.

Mr. Prout stated that he will be attending the summit.

The committee reviewed the Leaf & Yard Waste volunteer opportunities for the future. There was no volunteer for the April 21st date of the Leaf & Yard Waste Collection. Mrs. Zadell will send an email to Mr. Richardson, Ms. McGowan and Mr. Lloyd to see if they can handle it. Mr. Hopkin volunteered for the May 19th date and Mr. Brand volunteered for the June 16th date.

Mr. Peters will send an email to the committee about the upcoming World Wide Day of Play event. Mrs. Zadell explained that there is going to be two events for Arbor Day and World Wide Day of Play. The Arbor Day tree planting will take place at the Dog Park from 8am to Noon on April 28th that we could have one or two volunteers go to and then additionally the EAC will be running a station at World Wide Day of Play, planting trees in Central Park on April 28th from 11am – 3pm. The committee will need to provide volunteers for both plantings.

Mr. Peters will send an email to the rest of the committee members garnering volunteers for the World Wide Day of Play event.

The committee discussed the summer meeting schedule. Mr. Fehr stated that we should try to keep our meetings and just cancel at the last minute if we have quorum concerns. Mr. Prout agreed. The EAC will move forward continuing to host their June, July and August meetings.

Mrs. Zadell reported that there was a resident who had a concern about the World Wildlife Fund Earth Hour City Challenge. She will email the information to the EAC members for them to review for the next meeting and she will also let the concerned resident know that the EAC is reviewing the Earth Hour Challenge.

On a motion made by Mr. Brand, seconded by Mr. Fehr the committee adjourned at 8:50pm.