



Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council

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MEETING NOTES Tuesday November 9th, 2010

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was held on Tuesday, November 9th, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building, 425 Wells Road in Doylestown. In attendance: Keith Peters, Ethan Prout, Arnie Feldman, Rick Gaver and Bill Lloyd. Board of Supervisors Members: E. Thomas Scarborough. Staff Liaison: Sandra B. Zadell.

On a motion made by Bill Lloyd seconded by Rick Gaver the minutes from September 14th were approved.

The committee discussed the Outdoor furnace issue and stated that Mrs. Zadell should invite Sinclair Salisbury to the December meeting.

The committee discussed the items for inclusion in the Winter Spring 2011 newsletter. Mr. Peters made some suggestions for edits to Mr. Prout's article about Bats. Mrs. Zadell will incorporate those changes for the newsletter. The committee will also include Mr. Feldman's previous article on CFL bulbs. They also requested that Mrs. Zadell include a call out box to ask residents to call the township if they observe an illegal dumpsite in the Township.

The EAC discussed their remaining 2010 budget balance. On a motion made by Mr. Feldman and seconded by Mr. Lloyd the committee decided to purchase 20 Big Green boxes for \$1,140. Mrs. Zadell will make sure that purchase is made in 2010, leaving a remaining balance in the EAC fund of less than \$200.

The committee discussed the Arbor Day tree planting for 2011. They are concerned that there may not be much funding available for this program next year due to the reduced budget for 2011. Mr. Lloyd will speak with Delaware Valley College to see if they would like to partner on the project or possibly help to donate trees. Mrs. Zadell will also check with Mr. John about what he has planned for the day.

Mr. Peters asked Mr. Lloyd to provide a Bird City update. Mr. Lloyd will have an update next month. They EAC members will look at the Bird City Power point that was distributed.

Mrs. Zadell provided an EAC hour update. Mr. Peters was very happy that the whole hour was filled with programming this month. He asked that they also run the hour an additional time in the early morning next month. Mrs. Zadell will check the schedule and start an early morning program in December. The EAC also suggested that we ask for feedback from residents about the EAC hour in the newsletter, to hopefully get some gauge on how many people are watching the channel and the program.

The committee discussed CFL recycling and recycling for the township's large florescent bulbs. There really aren't any affordable options for the township, and the option offered by Waste Management is contingent on them winning our trash contract. The cost for one box of recycled fluorescents is \$32 for a box of 13 bulbs. The good news is that they are free to recycle at Lowe's and Home Depot.

The committee discussed the composting toilets. Mrs. Zadell reported that the township currently spends less than \$4,000 per year on portable toilets at Turk Parks I and II and at Sauerman Park. The composting toilets cost around \$51,000 to build. The EAC decided they don't think that these will be a good fit for our Township parks due to cost and also due to the fact that they don't have any running water.

Mr. Peters reported on the PA Greenways program. Paul Garr, the Township's Road Superintendent met with the surveyor from Greenways and showed him areas in the township that they should pay attention to.

The Committee asked about the progress the EPA is making at Chemfab site. Mrs. Zadell reported that they concluded their testing in the township for airborne contaminants and will be publishing a report soon.

Mr. Peters reported that all township agenda's are now on the website, which is great for being able to communicate among other groups.

Mr. Prout reported on a recent convention he went to in Lancaster Township that dealt with MS4's and other environmental issues. He stated Doylestown Township is more advanced than many of the municipalities he heard from on Environmental issues.

Mrs. Zadell brought up her desire to re-evaluate the single vs. multiple trash hauler systems in the Township. She stated that through a competitive bid process the township could outline exactly what they wanted from the Trash Haulers and provide a cheaper and more environmentally friendly option to residents. Mr. Peters reminded the committee that we did approach this issue 10 years ago and residents were mostly against it. Mr. Peters suggested that Mrs. Zadell begin an email distribution list of Pros and Cons of a single hauler collection system. EAC members can weigh in via email and it will be discussed again at the December meeting.

Mrs. Zadell stated that she thought it would be a good idea if the EAC considered the idea of only using Native Plants on township property. This would serve as a great example for residents and would be a sort of lead by example option for the township. Additionally Native Plants are easier and cheaper to maintain than their ornamental counterparts. Mr. Lloyd made a motion seconded by Mr. Feldman to ask the Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution to only plant native plants on township property. The motion passed.

Mr. Gaver announced that he will be appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board in December, so he will be attending his last EAC meeting in December. The committee stated they will miss him.

Mrs. Zadell stated that she spoke with Mr. Richardson today and that he had attended the last Open Space Committee meeting. At that meeting they asked if the EAC or Township had ever gone after any grants for Ponds in the Township. Mr. Peters and Mr. Feldman stated that this issue has come up in the past and has been something that the Township and EAC have decided not to pursue.

The committee discussed the meeting time for 2011 and all stated they are fine with the time remaining at 6:30 pm.

The committee will exchange the Water Resource videos we were given by North Wales Water Authority. Mr. Peters will review them first and other members can pick them up before the next meeting so that hopefully they can be included in the EAC hour.

Mr. Peters asked Mr. Lloyd if he had the energy meter that they had purchased last year. Mr. Lloyd didn't think he did but will look for it.

Mrs. Zadell reported that the township has switched from PECO to Direct Energy for their energy supply needs. Mr. Feldman reported that for residents the usage is generally not enough to make much of a difference in the resident's bill.

Mr. Lloyd volunteered to man the Leaf and Yard Waste Drop off in December.

Mr. Gaver made a motion seconded by Mr. Lloyd to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

