



# Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council

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## MEETING MINUTES Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was held on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building, 425 Wells Road in Doylestown. EAC members in attendance were Keith Peters, Arnie Feldman, Don Richardson, Bill Lloyd and Jeffrey Fehr. Also in attendance: Sandra Zadell, Special Projects Manager and Amanda Enke, Special Projects intern. Supervisors Rick Colello and Tom Scarborough were also in attendance.

### I. Minutes

- On a motion made by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. Richardson, the minutes from the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EAC were approved.

### II. Plans

- No plans were reviewed.

### III. Unfinished Business

- Mr. Peters reported that the EAC's 2011 Budget request was cut by 8% do to overall reductions throughout the Township. He also stated that in order to reduce any undue expense all communications from EAC members to township consultants should be sent to him. He will forward them to Mrs. Zadell who will then forward them to the appropriate person.
- The Committee discussed the Noxious Weeds Ordinance. Mr. Peters explained to the committee that due to the timing of the Noxious Weeds Ordinance review, if they were to submit their changes and request that they be made the ordinance would need to be re-advertised causing the township some considerable expense. On a motion made by Mr. Feldman seconded by Mr. Richardson the committee decided to send a memo to the Board of Supervisors stating that the EAC is ok with the ordinance revision moving forward as it is now. The motion passed. They will make sure to have their suggestions included in any future Noxious Weeds Ordinance revisions.

Mr. Peters mentioned that the committee needs to be involved in ordinance reviews earlier in the process in order to have ample time to review and comment upon them. Mrs. Zadell mentioned that they received this ordinance to review in February of 2009. Mr. Lloyd made a motion, seconded by Mr. Feldman to send a memo to Stephanie Mason asking that the EAC be included in the early review process of any ordinance in the Township that deals with Environmental or Energy issues. The motion passed.

- Mr. Peters informed the committee that the Planning Commission has no plans to pursue an Outdoor Furnace Ordinance at this time. Mr. Feldman made a motion seconded by Mr. Lloyd to send a memo to the Planning Commission with the EAC's comments on the draft ordinance in the case it is ever considered in the future. Motion passed.
- Mr. Peters asked the committee if they felt that an EAC representative should begin attending Planning Commission meetings in order to stay informed on what they are working on and to foster good communication. The committee discussed different options for attending the meetings and in the end decided that they would be best suited by being included on the distribution list for the planning commission minutes and agendas. Mrs. Zadell will make sure that the EAC is included on that list and that they will receive approved Meeting Minutes. Mr. Peters suggested that if any EAC members see an item of interest on the Planning

Commission's Agenda they should send an email to Mrs. Zadell who will then filter it to Mr. Peters and the rest of the committee.

- The Solar Panel Ordinance will be removed from the October agenda since it went to the Board and has been passed.
- Mrs. Zadell provided an update on the EAC hour. The TAB board has approved all of the videos that the EAC would like to air on the EAC hour. It will debut on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The program will feature rotating topics for each month during the hour. Mrs. Zadell will let the EAC know when we need more approved content.
- The committee worked out assignments for the upcoming leaf and yard waste recycling dates. Mr. Fehr will work October 16<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Feldman tentatively will handle November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. Zadell provided an update on the EAC articles that made it into the newsletter. The CFL article will be used for the Winter 2011 newsletter and the Bees article would be great for the Summer edition in 2011.
- Mr. Peters has arranged for clean milk cartons to be used to make Bird feeders at the World Wide Day of Play. Mr. Lloyd volunteered to solicit donations of birdseed. Mr. Peters will be present for the event.
- The TreeVitalize tree planting event is scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Lloyd will see if he can get donations of mulch from Del Val College. Mr. Feldman, Mr. Fehr and Mr. Peters will be present for the event.
- Mr. Lloyd asked the committee to revisit the Bird City issue. The Fee is \$800 but he feels it is worthwhile to have the organization come and speak with the EAC. Mr. Lloyd will contact Bird City to come and speak at the EAC's October or November Meeting.

#### **IV. New Business**

- Mr. Lloyd mentioned that he would like the EAC to have someone speak about the rate caps coming off in 2011. Mr. Feldman mentioned that there have been so many ads about that issue on TV. Mr. Feldman will email Mrs. Zadell a link that she can post on the township's website to educate residents about that topic.
- The National Take Bake initiative was approved by the Board of Supervisors and Doylestown Township Police Department is an approved drop off site.
- Mr. Lloyd suggested creating more activities focused around Arbor Day this year. Mrs. Zadell will check with Mr. John to see when Arbor Day will be in 2011 and what we will be doing.
- Mr. Colello asked if we can air the footage from the Green Energy Seminar. Mrs. Zadell said we can.
- The committee discussed PHS membership renewal at the price of \$45. On a motion made by Mr. Lloyd and seconded by Mr. Feldman the committee approved the expenditure for the PHS renewal. The motion passed.
- The committee discussed Mr. Prout's request to attend the September 22<sup>nd</sup> PEC dinner. The EAC decided not to fund the expense for the dinner due to budgetary constraints.
- Mr. Peters stated that Mr. Prout would like to discuss the Fracing issues at our next meeting. It will be added to the October agenda. The EAC would like to formulate their opinion regarding fracing even if it isn't an issue that directly affects the township at this time. That way if it ever does affect the Township they will be prepared with a response.
- Mrs. Zadell updated the committee on the Christmas Tree Recycling pick up program which is scheduled for this winter. It is advertised in the Fall newsletter and the program is all set up.
- The committee discussed Mrs. Zadell's memo regarding recycling in the township and our performance grant numbers which have fallen dramatically from 2007 to 2008. Mr. Peters asked Mrs. Zadell to put together a memo that includes the tonnages from the past few years.

**V. Adjournment**

- On a motion made by Mr. Fehr, seconded by Mr. Richardson, the Committee adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next meeting of the EAC is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12th at 6:30 PM.