



Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council

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MEETING NOTES Tuesday October 12th, 2010

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was held on Tuesday, October 12th, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building, 425 Wells Road in Doylestown. In attendance: Keith Peters, Ethan Prout, Rick Gaver. Board of Supervisors Members: Rick Colello, E. Thomas Scarborough. Staff Liaison: Sandra B. Zadell.

The committee discussed the National Take Back Initiative that took place in September. It was a very successful drop off program. They hope that our Police Department can host the program again in the future.

The committee reviewed the 2011 budget request. It was reduced by 8% at the request of the Ways and Means committee. Mr. Peters repeated the request that all EAC communications go to the chairman and special projects manager to ensure additional consultant expenditure is avoided, for proper routing of requests, to prevent duplication and/or interference with other township initiatives/committees, and to build the EAC agenda items for the next meeting

The committee discussed Outdoor Wood burners. They would like to invite Sinclair Salisbury to their next meeting to discuss his opinions on how the EAC should proceed. The state recently passed new legislation regarding the burners. Mrs. Zadell will contact him and make sure that he will be able to attend.

The committee discussed the Winter/Spring 2011 newsletter. They will use Arnie's CFL article. Ethan will also do some research on an article about Bat's. Any new articles are due by November 15th.

The Committee discussed the purchasing of more big green boxes for next year. The members in attendance came to a consensus that they feel we should utilize some of the remaining 2010 budget to purchase Big Green Boxes. Mrs. Zadell will check with the Big Green Box Company to see if they accept purchase orders. This expenditure will need to be approved at the next EAC meeting. Mrs. Zadell will also email the other members of the EAC to see if they can come to the next meeting with ideas on other ways to use the remaining 2010 budget.

The Committee discussed CFL bulb recycling programs. Mrs. Zadell stated that due to staffing needs another drop off recycling program at the township building would be difficult to facilitate. They discussed recycling the CFL bulbs that the township uses and Mr. Peters stated Mr. Salisbury brought it to his attention that Waste Management will collect them for recycling. Mr. Feldman will be asked to examine it as he previously investigated the CFL recycling programs at Lowe's and Home Depot available to residents.

Mr. Peters reported on the World Wide Day of Play. The program was successful and the EAC gave out approximately 120 bird houses.

Mr. Peters also reported on the Tree Vitalize grant planting day that took place on October 2nd. It was a successful day where over 250 trees were planted near the front detention basin in Central Park.

Mrs. Zadell will contact Mr. John to see if he has any preliminary plans for Arbor Day 2011.

The committee discussed the EAC hour. Mrs. Zadell will try to even out the programming and provide programming that fills the entire hour.

Mr. Prout gave a detailed description of the process of fracking and the Marcellus Shale activities in Pennsylvania. He explained that approximately 4 million gallons of water are pumped into a well as part of the fracking process and when the water comes back out it often contains impurities. There are many different ways to handle the use of water before fracking and after fracking. Some companies are using acid mine water which is already polluted, as a sort of water recycling. Other companies treat the water after the fracking process is completed. Mr. Prout stated that there is a lot of misinformation out there about the process of fracking.

The committee had a discussion about recycling revenues and compliance in Doylestown Township. Mrs. Zadell reported that she found two large errors in the 2010 recycling numbers that trash haulers reported to us. One Trash Hauler submitted Doylestown Borough's tonnages instead of Doylestown Township. Another reported only commercial numbers, when actually all of their customers are residential. Mrs. Zadell stated that if we had a single trash hauler system it would be easier to get clear information from our Trash Hauler.

Mr. Peters and the committee discussed the idea of a township wide action list which would outline what each committee is working on. This would help each committee recognize what other committees are focused on.

The committee asked that the November agenda include a memo to the P and R Board regarding using native species exclusively in our parks.

Mr. Colello discussed the composting portable toilets information he provided for the EAC. They cost \$51,000 per year to build but have no water or sewer lines. Mrs. Zadell will check with the Park and Recreation department to see what our current portable toilet costs are in the parks system.

The council decided to participate in for the PA Greenways program which is a survey of our community for illegal dump sites. The roads department identified several sources which Mr. Peters will communicate to the Greenways crew. Mrs. Zadell stated that the Parks Department asked if leaf and Yard waste counts towards illegal dumping and Mr. Peters will follow up on that.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.