

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2012

In Attendance: Keith Peters, Chairman; Ethan Prout, Vice Chairman; Don Richardson, Kevin Brand, and Jeffrey Fehr, Committee Members; Thomas Scarborough, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Staff Liaison Sandra Zadell, Assistant Township Manager.

On a motion made by Mr. Prout, seconded by Mr. Brand the May 8, 2012 meeting minutes were approved.

Ventresca Tract: The Committee reviewed the Ventresca 2-Lot Subdivision Final Plan; they have no comment on the Ventresca Plan.

Delaware Valley College – Life Science Building: The Committee reviewed the Del Val College Preliminary Plans. On a motion made by Mr. Prout, seconded by Mr. Fehr, the committee voted to send a memo stating that they would like markers on all of the storm drains and full cut off lighting to Del Val College. The motion passed with 4 in favor and 1 abstention (Don Richardson).

The Committee reviewed the trash memos submitted by Stephen Deasy. Mr. Prout reported that he was really shocked in his conversations with Mr. Deasy about the number of residents that don't have trash service. Mr. Deasy said is estimated at 15% to 25% of any township residents.

The Committee discussed the fact that there are financial ramifications to contract trash hauling, that isn't the main issue that the EAC is focusing on. The EAC would like to focus on the environmental issues.

The Committee advised Mrs. Zadell to get a budget update from Mr. Deasy and they were wondering if his work products were going to include an RFP?

Mrs. Zadell also stated that she would send out the Chalfont RFP and report to the EAC.

Mr. Fehr asked that Mrs. Zadell ask Mr. Deasy about CNG vehicles and if any of the trucks used CNG to fuel their vehicles.

The plan of action regarding Contract Trash will be:

1. The EAC will work on creating an RFP for trash haulers to submit proposals
2. The EAC will get the Gannet Fleming final report
3. The EAC either by itself or with the help of Stephen Deasy will create an RFP; the EAC once they have the RFP and report will take it to the Board of Supervisors and ask for permissions send out the RFP. If permission is given to proceed we could then send out the RFP get some pricing information, at which point have a public meeting on the proposals. The rational being that

the EAC would really like to know how much savings they would be able to get and what kind of contracts they would be able to get if they chose to go with contract trash hauling.

Mr. Peters asked about the bird houses made at the Get up and Play event, when they would be put up. Mrs. Zadell reported that she doesn't know at this time, our Public Works Department is overly busy at this time, it is on their list but not a priority.

Mr. Peters also reported on the Birdtown issue, that he and another resident have volunteered to be evaluated as properties that could be made into Birdtown properties. He will keep the committee posted.

Historic Trees: Mr. Richardson, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Peters will work with Del Val to start creating a Historic Tree inventory. They also need to start looking at how they will celebrate ownership of such trees.

Mr. Peters thought that perhaps a certificate or something like that from the Board of Supervisors would be nice to honor significant trees.

Mr. Peters reviewed the results of the EAC Summit Survey and said that 16 out of 16 responders said the summit was very helpful. The EAC discussed holding the summit next year; they thought it would be a good idea.

The EAC discussed the ACT 13 information that Madelyn Rawley had come before them with about two months ago. Mrs. Zadell stated that Madelyn Rawley also visited the Board of Supervisors and that at their last meeting the Board of Supervisors did say that they would be sending a letter regarding ACT 13. Mrs. Zadell advised that we wait until we see the results of that letter before the EAC makes any further action.

The committee discussed the Earth Hour City Challenge; the challenge seems to focus on cities where they actually have public housing or huge entities where they could reduce energy use through internal practices.

The EAC feels that it is too late to get involved in such an initiative, they are working diligently on the trash issue and can't really participate in this type of competition due to the lack of opportunities to reduce energy needs, i.e. public housing etc.

Mrs. Zadell will put together a letter of response and forward it on to the resident who had inquired about the Earth Hour City Challenge.

Mr. Brand will volunteer for the 6/16/12 Leaf and Yard Waste Drop Off, the committee still needs a volunteer for the 7/21/12 Leaf and Yard Waste Drop Off. Mr. Lloyd will volunteer for the 8/18/12 Drop off.

Mrs. Zadell will send an email to all of the EAC members seeing if someone else can volunteer on 7/21/12.

Mrs. Zadell reported that our Township Engineer had done a comprehensive letter regarding the TMDL Plan and upcoming changes to the MS4 permit. She will distribute that letter via email to the EAC.

On motion of Mr. Prout, seconded by Mr. Richardson the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.