April 19, 2010 7:30 p.m.
Township Administration Building

The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was held tonight. Voting members present were: Barbara Duffy, Miriam Moss, Lorna Rosenberg and David Schultz. Ex-officio members present were: Tom Bale and Jonathan Essoka. Also present was Sarah RobbGrieco and Jim Innes. Staff present was: Bryan T. Havir, Assistant Township Manager.

1. *Call to Order* – Ms. Duffy called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

2. *Acceptance of Meeting Minutes* – Ms. Duffy asked for a motion to approve the March 15, 2010 meeting minutes. Ms. Rosenberg made a motion to accept the March meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Ms. Carroll, the minutes were approved.

3. *Committee Reports* -

A. *Energy Committee* – Ms. Duffy reported in Mr. Mettler's absence on two Transition Towns community events – 1) April 22, 2010 – at Arcadia University featuring a film on "Power of Community" and 2) April 27, 2010 – at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Wyncote featuring two green building experts who will detail how to transform a local home and church from energy users into energy generators using short, medium and long-term strategies. Ms. Carroll agreed to send an e-blast tomorrow about the events.

Mr. Bale reported on EarthAid, a behavioral modification approach to home energy conservation. In follow-up to last month's discussion, Mr. Bale stated that EarthAid will provide training on how to sign up families and businesses. Every week a number of households would sign up to accumulate a group of people to be part of this program. A table will be staffed at the Earth Day Festival to distribute literature about Earth Aid and to see if people are willing to support this concept.

B. Watershed Committee – Ms. Duffy presented the following:

1) Earth Day Festival –this Saturday, 4/24. 2) Earth Day Projects were on Saturday 4/17/10—some on 4/10 & one on 4/18. All were a great success. The Tookany Creek Parkway cleanups were canceled due to the sewage issues, but all other groups met as planned. An official report was written and sent to township staff. 335 volunteers came out! The volunteer information helps with the township's annual MS4 report. 3) The Riparian Corridor Conservation Ordinance draft was reviewed by Ad Hoc Zoning committee on March 22, 2010. 4) The Native Plant Landscape Ordinance draft is still being reviewed by our Montgomery County Planner. 5) SEPTA planting plan was reviewed for the bridge replacement on Chelten Hills Drive. 6) Stormwater Management Plan Ordinance public meeting to be held on May 19, 2010. The Watershed committee supports this ordinance. 7) Ms. Duffy reported that she and Ms. Erlich attended a Tree Ordinance Workshop on March 16th. 8) Ms. Duffy has received many calls on sewage issues as a result of recent stormwater infiltration in the Township's aging sanitary sewer system. Ms. Duffy stated the EAC can help with educating residents about the issues. 9) Ms. Duffy and Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership will be presenting "Local Stormwater Issues" at Arcadia University's Earth Day Event on April 22nd. 10) Lorna Rosenberg, Bill Mettler, Dave McVeigh-Schultz and Ms. Duffy attended the 13th Annual SE PA Regional Conference for EACs on 4/10. She sat in on "Keeping Track of Municipal Stormwater BMPs" and "Watershed Organizations and EACs". She viewed a 10 min. video "Green City, Clean Water"—great resource for understanding stormwater runoff. Learned there is a new data based software for managing stormwater. Upper Dublin and Lower Gwyned are piloting the programs.

C. *Transportation* – Mr. Schultz reported on behalf of the nominating committee that they have several candidates that they are interviewing and will have a slate of names for Chair/co-chair at the next meeting.

D. Buildings. Ms. Rosenberg also reported that she, Mr. Mettler, Ms. Duffy and Mr. Schultz attended the Annual PEC Conference for EAC's on April 10th. Receipts were given to Mr. Havir with the unanimous consensus that the EAC members be reimbursed for the

$20.00 (per person) conference fee. There was discussion on Climate Action Plans presented at the conference. Radnor and Warminster Townships have begun working to either create inventories or action plans for implementation to reduce Green House Gas (GHG) emissions via use of data from Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC). Additionally, there was a workshop on working more effectively with Township and elected officials and fostering more interaction between EAC members and elected officials.

Ms. Rosenberg reported she met with Dr. Bavi and Mr. Malinowski, who provided an update on the recycling plan for the Cheltenham School District. She will also work with the school district on green products used for cleaning, for office use and disposal of same.

Mr. Schultz reported that he and Ms. Rosenberg are working on having the EAC Buildings Committee and township host an educational workshop on new Stormwater, Building Code, Energy Code and Lead Abatement training for building contractors within this region in cooperation with Township Engineer, David Lynch. They are looking at possible partners, including other townships, to present and help organize.

There was a brief discussion about the Act 129 Energy Efficiency Rebate Programs offered by PECO and how best PECO could disseminate educational information to residents and businesses. It was recommended that having one county-wide ACT 129 presentation for residents and business owners as a way to get information out. Mr. Havir stated that PECO will be having a workshop on April 27, 2010 for Township officials and businesses at the Presidential Caterers in Norristown. The meeting is open to the public for interested attendees.

E. *Communications* – Ms. Carroll reported she will work with Ms. Gibson on a suggestion to consider adding a "green corner" page on the township website covering

environmental issues. Ms. Duffy inquired about bulletin board space at the Rowland Community Center (RCC)for EAC fliers/educational information. Mr. Havir suggested that Ms. Duffy contact Sue Fries at the RCC. Ms. Moss noted that the libraries host rotating displays on a monthly basis.

4. *Old Business*:

A. Mr. Havir reported that there were three responses to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for a mechanical and electrical engineering design consultant for the Rowland and LaMott Community Centers Buildings Retrofit Project funded through the federal Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) which were received on April 1, 2010 and ranged from $19,830 to $61,000. The most qualified and lowest responsible consultant bid was submitted by Steven J. Lit Consulting Engineering, Inc. Mr. Havir stated that the contract was for design services for an energy efficient boiler and energy efficient lighting at RCC and automatic controls at LaMott Community Center (LCC).

B. Mr. Havir stated that PECO Smart Equipment Incentives Program (Act 129) was promoted on PECO bills. The Montgomery County Consortium of Municipal Managers is reviewing the municipal rebate program. Certain municipal rebate programs for building retrofits and lighting upgrades are retroactive to July 1, 2009 and must include before and after photographs, manufacturer cut sheets, dates of invoice, materials and vendors, and evidence of payment. Upon completion of a specific project, the Township has sixty days to go on line to fill out rebate. Mr. Schultz asked about the Township's progress on the pedestrian-oriented streetlight project for LaMott and if energy efficient bulbs would be used. Mr. Havir noted the project is currently being designed and high pressure sodium fixtures are what we currently use in the Township. Mr. Havir will ask the consultant to

consider a design using LED lighting. Mr. Schultz said that dialogue on energy efficiency should continue throughout the various projects in the Township.

5. New Business –

Mr. Havir presented an update on the Cheltenham/Ogontz Avenue Bus Loop Revitalization efforts. SEPTA provided a preview of the proposed project to the Public Works Committee last week. Mr. Havir stated that this project will be fast-tracked due to stimulus funding to SEPTA with the project to start in September 2010 and be completed by May 2011. The Phase I design will change the way busses enter and exit the site. Busses will enter "right in" westbound on Cheltenham Avenue and exit "right out" southbound on Ogontz Avenue. There will be red-colored concrete pedestrian crossing connections and decorative fencing, landscaping, stormwater management collection and gateway signage. The four existing billboards will removed. Phase II would add a traffic light with pedestrian crossing.

Mr. Havir also reported on the Sanitary Sewer Update. The Township has been working with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) for the last five years under a consent decree to make repairs to the system through a phased-in approach. During that time, six to seven million dollars has been spent on televising, grouting and repairing sewer lines. Additionally, the Township consultant, BCM Engineers is developing a long term plan of solutions.

PADEP officials, Jennifer Fields and Jesse Goldberg met with the Township Manager, Township Engineer and Township Consultant, BCM Engineers on April 1, 2010 to discuss the recent surcharge in the system and short term and long term solutions. On April 2, the PADEP directed the Township to reduce the pressure in the sanitary lines by conducting a controlled discharge of the sanitary sewer system over a small portion of

Ogontz Field into the Tookany Creek in Elkins Park. This was done to accelerate the use of sanitary facilities in about six nearby homes that have had limited us of their facilities for several weeks. Publicity about sewer issues was communicated Township-wide. In addition to 500 signs placed along the Tookany Creek by staff personnel on April 2, 2010 the following communication were made:

4-2-2010	DEP sent out a press release, which was featured in television news coverage.
4-2-2010	Township Manager had interview with Philadelphia Inquirer.
4-5-2010	Township Manager had interviews with the Times Chronicle and WPVI-TV.
4-6-2010	Township disseminated information via a press release, website, Channel 42 and E-blast.
4-9-2010	Township disseminated follow-up information via a press release, website, Channel 42 and E-blast.

The last discharge was on April 8, 2010. Due to good weather, and water table rescinding, PADEP and the Township agreed the bypass could be shut down. The equipment remains in place. PADEP is currently reviewing two proposed options. The Township has been in contact with elected officials regarding funding opportunities.

Ms. Moss was concerned about the situation surrounding Ogontz Field and felt that additional outreach should be made to the neighborhood. Ms. Moss will contact her Commissioner to arrange a meeting to discuss the issues in her neighborhood.

Members requested that signage be placed in the Ogontz Field area. Mr. Havir will work with Ms. Duffy on the message for the signage to be placed in the Ogontz Field area.

In addition members felt that the EAC should be utilized to help provide information to the residents of Cheltenham Township. The members agreed that an educational plan needs to be developed now and for the future. Sarah RobbGrieco, Executive Director of Tookany/Tacony Frankford Watershed Partnership (TTFWP), suggested using this opportunity to promote an upcoming "Backyard Buffers" watershed educational program

specific to residents who live next to a creek. The workshop will be held on May 3, 2010 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Curtis Hall and is sponsored by TTFWP.

6. Other Business – Ms. Duffy made an announcement that the LaMott Garden group will be selling plants at the Earth Festival this weekend.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2010, at the Carriage House.

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Township Manager

Submitted by:
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MEETING ATTENDANCE

Environmental Advisory Council

Monday, April 19, 2010 @ 7:30 P.M.

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