

The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was held tonight.

Voting members present were: Daryl Carrington, Barbara Duffy, Bill Mettler, David McVeigh Schultz, Miriam Moss and Lorna Rosenberg. Also present were: Tom Bale and Bob De Maria. 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 – Mr. Mettler requested that under the Energy Committee report on page 2, that it be referenced that Tom McHugh made a presentation on solar hot water and Tom Macchi, Facilities Manager at Arcadia University, addressed energy conservation at the Transition Town meeting held on October 22, 2009. A motion was made by Mr. Mettler to approve the November 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes as amended; seconded by Mr. Schultz.
3. Committee Reports were as follows:

A. Building Committee – Ms. Rosenberg noted that the videographer has been approved for payment by the Township and stated that some edits are required of the actual video before it is finalized for release of airing on Channel 42. The first two parts could also be placed on the Township website. If more is required, additional funds will be needed.

School District Recycling. Ms. Rosenberg reported that the Superintendent of Cheltenham School District made a pledge to see that recycling programs will be implemented in all the schools. Ms. Rosenberg will invite school district personnel to a meeting at Ms. Rosenberg's house on January 7, 2010. Waste Management has the recycling contracts for the school district through the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. Each school is supposed to have an Abitibi container for cardboard and paper. It was

2010. The meeting will focus on the 2009 Building Code and energy components of the Code.

B. Transportation Committee – Ms. Duffy reported that she had forwarded an e-mail from Ms. Chadwick with her suggestions regarding increasing public transportation services through additional public education and outreach. Ms. Duffy suggested bringing these items to this meeting for further discussion.

Ms. Duffy reported that SEPTA has announced a meeting for January 13, 2010 at Curtis Hall at 7:30 p.m. regarding the Jenkintown-Wyncote Station. Mr. Havir noted that Mr. McHugh announced at a recent public meeting that he had not received the raw data from the ridership survey as previously promised. Mr. Havir also noted that SEPTA is working on a feasibility study of the Rydal Train Station in Abington Township.

Mr. Havir stated that at the December 16, 2010 Board of Commissioners Meeting, the Board voted to not renew the contract for operation of the Cheltenham Township Transit Bus which provided service three days a week, due to a reduction in ridership, budgetary constraints and the concern that the County grant could be discontinued in 2010. Mr. Havir said as an alternative, the County still operates the TransNet Bus which is available to Township residents for transportation service. The scheduling requirements are different (a four-hour window in scheduling is possible) and the services are shared and there are discounted fees for senior citizens. There are no fees for the Township Transit Bus for seniors.

Mr. Havir noted that the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia in conjunction with City Planning and PennDOT are planning to create a six-foot wide green shoulder to buffer bikes from cars on West Market Street and JFK Boulevard. This is the first time in this region for this design.

Lower Moreland and Lower Salford Township Ordinances which are based on a Montgomery County Model Ordinance. The Ad Hoc Zoning Committee is aware of the ordinance development. Completion of the model ordinance is expected by the beginning of February.

5) Ms. Duffy reported that Mr. De Maria and she visited the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service Learning Garden featuring horizontal hydroponics and rain barrels on display. They also visited the USDA Lab in Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania on November 23, 2009 to learn more about Bio-Char research.

D. Energy Committee –Mr. Mettler announced the next Transition Town meeting discussion will be on “Permaculture” at Brubaker Hall, Arcadia University.

Mr. Bale reported that Exelon is evaluating Positive Energy which has changed its name to Zero Power.

The members of the committee discussed inviting Dr. Bavi and the School District’s Engineer to the March 15, 2010 EAC meeting for a presentation and discussion on the Glenside Elementary School Reconstruction project. Ms. Rosenberg agreed to facilitate the invitations.

E. Communication Committee – In Ms. Carroll’s absence, Mr. Duffy had no additional remarks.

4. Old Business:

a) Mr. Havar reported that the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) application that was filed in June by the Township was reviewed by the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) and was added to the approval list on the federal website. No funds have been appropriated yet. The first quarterly report was filed with federal

