

The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was held tonight. Members present were Kurt Ahrens, Michael Freeman and Thomas McHugh. Ex-officio member present was Bonnie Hay. Township liaison present was Nancy K. Gibson, Public Information Officer. See attached attendance sheet.

1. Call to Order: Mr. Ahrens called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

2. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: Because there was no quorum present, Mr. Ahrens deferred approval of the minutes from the September 19, 2016 meeting until the next meeting of the EAC scheduled for November 21, 2016.

3. Committee Reports:

A. Communications and Engagement Committee: Mr. Ahrens invited ideas for topics in the next eNewsletter. Ms. Gibson suggested advertising the airing of the Community Sanitary Sewer Meeting video at Elkins Park Free Library on October 27 at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Ahrens also suggested posting the information on nextdoor.com, which he believes will now accept posts from public agencies. Mr. McHugh volunteered to prepare eNewsletter material on the carbon fee and dividend proposal and the record-breaking warmth of the past several months. Mr. Freeman noted that cap and trade is another possible approach for reducing carbon emissions that has proven effective in other arenas.

B. Water and Ecology Committee: No report provided.

C. School Liaison Committee: See attached.

D. Energy and Emissions Committee: No report provided.

4. Old Business:

A. Review of New Recommendations for the Draft Zoning Ordinance: Members reviewed the current proposed wording in the Draft Zoning Ordinance regarding Class One and

Class Two Bonuses for Sustainable Development in MU3. The standards appear to be taken from LEED building standards. Mr. Freeman questioned any bonuses that grant greater impervious surface area because of the Township's stormwater issues. Members noted that state regulations have become tougher on stormwater management. Members were generally supportive of the current bonus language, depending upon the Township's stormwater management requirements in the land development review process. Mr. McHugh will attend the next Draft Zoning Workshop on October 20.

B. Purchase of Teaching Tool: Mr. Ahrens has spoken to Karen Shaffron and Lorna Rosenberg about the possibility of the EAC providing teaching tools to enhance environmental education. Any requests they submit would be accompanied by a clear description of how the tools would be used.

5. New Business:

A. Community Harvest Festival Recap: Mr. Ahrens reported productive conversations with Township officials and residents as well as additional contacts for the eNewsletter at the festival. Overall, it was a positive event.

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



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Township Manager

Submitted by: Nancy K. Gibson
Public Information Officer

EAC schools report

We met on October 10 with Iris Parker, the new school district green schools representative about next steps for the schools committee.

She will be meeting with school designated green school representatives on October 19. She will discuss:

1. how they will work within their individual school and across the district.
2. How they want to engage the EAC committee
3. How to use the school buildings as teaching tools
4. She will check on the status of green policy.

We will learn more as a committee after this meeting.