

The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was held tonight. Members present were Kurt Ahrens, Barbara Duffy and Elliot Friedman. 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 7:42 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 and October 17, 2016 meetings until the next meeting of the EAC scheduled for December 19, 2016.

3. Committee Reports:

A. Communications and Engagement Committee: Mr. Ahrens again invited ideas for topics in the next eNewsletter. Ms. Duffy will provide material about Bird Town. Ms. Gibson will provide the new website created by Aqua Pennsylvania regarding its water quality testing.

B. Water and Ecology Committee: Ms. Duffy reported that Lee Altadonna from Bird Town is working with Cheltenham Elementary School students on an adventure kit and backyard bird count. She added that Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership (TTF) is working with an ornithologist to identify important bird areas to be marked with signage. High School Park and Tookany Park will be considered. Ms. Duffy inquired about the status of the Curtis Arboretum Master Plan. [The master plan is undergoing final review and revision.] Ms. Duffy also announced plans to organize a meeting with TTF, Mr. Altadonna, Parks Superintendent Robert Dominick, and Parks and Recreation Director Brian Hinson to make sure everyone is on the same page regarding projects like the deer fencing installed last year at Curtis Arboretum to protect plantings.

C. School Liaison Committee: See attached.

D. Energy and Emissions Committee: No report provided.

4. Old Business: Discussion was tabled.

5. New Business:

A. Discussion of Photovoltaic Shingles: Mr. Ahrens noted that photovoltaic shingles that look like slate, terra cotta or asphalt shingles are coming on the market. Such products would allow structures in the Township's historic districts to retain the integrity of their exterior appearance while still enhancing their sustainability. He would like the Township to allow property owners in the districts to use them. Ms. Gibson suggested the EAC make a recommendation to that effect when a quorum is present.

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



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From: Lorna Rosenberg <lsrosenberg28@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 4:20 PM
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Subject: Schools update for EAC November 21, 2016 meeting

1. In October and November students from Elkins Park School, Cedarbrook and Cheltenham High School had field trips to the new Cedarbrook construction site to learn about the Geothermal system being installed. Over 100 students participated in this effort and teachers at the individual schools had follow-up lessons beyond the tour.
2. Iris Parker ordered an energy efficiency assessment kit from the Pennsylvania Dept of Environmental Protection in Harrisburg. This kit can be used for students to generate data that can support actions in their schools that reduce energy use.
3. The green school teachers will be meeting in December and our schools committee will be meeting on Nov 28.

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