

Abington Township

Environmental Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for October 11, 2017

Call to Order: 7:32 pm In attendance: Jennifer Sherwood, John Sorrentino, Michele Kaczalek, Karin McGarry-Rosen, Jim Webb, Andrea Soo and Neal Gale. Guests: Kurt Wood

Minutes: The revised August minutes were accepted with modifications as were the September minutes.

Chairperson's Report: The report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The report was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Policy: The report was accepted.

Programs: The report was accepted. It was noted that the Township has installed the painted rain barrel donated by the EAC outside of the entrance to the Township Building.

Engagement: The report was accepted.

Current Business:

Sustainable Abington/STAR Communities Program – There has been no additional action on the PSU (Abington) intern or the Steering Committee.

Commuter, Bicycles & Electric Vehicle Initiatives: Jenn attended the 9/25/2017 Walk/Park/Bike meeting where an overview of the Final Draft Report was given. No additional comments are being accepted. Neal will follow up with the Township on benchmarking vehicle use to determine the feasibility of incorporating electric vehicles into the Township's fleet.

Rain Barrel the Town (RBTT) project: Several additional orders have been placed so Karin requested continued drum pick-ups throughout the Fall. Another

rain barrel building session is to be scheduled.

EAC Signs and T-Shirts: Andrea is negotiating the final cost of the EAC signs which were approved for purchase at last month's meeting. John provided several color and design options for new EAC T-shirts. He will circulate them to the EAC members for a vote.

Fall Tree Planting – Shade Tree Commission (STC): Jenn reminded us that the STC will be distributing free trees on October 14 at Grove Park. Tree plantings will take place as follows: November 18 from 9 am to 12 pm at Hallowell Park. Jenn and Andrea plan to attend. Jenn will plant one tree at Jackson Park and one tree at Rubicam Park on 10/15. The Friends of Roychester Park are working with the STC on a 11/18 tree planting. Jim will coordinate with John Capps from the Friends group.

EAC Network Conference Planning: Sue, Cakky and Neal are preparing topics for submission to the Conference organizers such as electric vehicles/grid integration, sustainability and environmental justice.

Montgomery County Planning Commission Award: Board members were reminded to RSVP if they wish to attend the awards ceremony.

New Business:

Food Cupboard Collections at Additional EAC Events: It was agreed that our food collection efforts should be extended to as many EAC events as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Next Meeting – November 8, 2017