



Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council

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MEETING MINUTES Tuesday February 8th, 2011

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was held on Tuesday, January 11th, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building, 425 Wells Road in Doylestown. In attendance: Ethan Prout, Shawn Touhill, Don Richardson, Arnie Feldman, Jeff Fehr and Keith Peters. Board of Supervisors Members: E. Thomas Scarborough. Staff Liaison: Sandra B. Zadell and Intern Karen Thompson.

The committee reviewed the January 11th meeting minutes. On a motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Touhill the meeting minutes were approved.

The committee discussed the outdoor wood burner ordinance and the table that Mr. Peters circulated in advance of the meeting. Mr. Feldman suggested changing the recommended lot size to 5 acres, with a time period of Sept. 30th - June 15th, and changing the height to greater than 20 ft. or good engineering practice. On a motion made by Mr. Lloyd seconded by Mr. Feldman the EAC voted to send a memo to Code enforcement and the planning commission outlining the following requirements for an outdoor wood burner ordinance:

1. Minimum lot size 5 acres
2. Burn from September 30th to June 15th
3. GEP or 20 ft. stack height
4. 150 ft. set back

Motion passed

The committee discussed Arbor Day and Mrs. Zadell brought up Mr. Johns email regarding native plant choices in the parks systems and on Township property. Mr. John stated that only using native plants would be difficult and that there are plenty of great hybrid choices. He feels it would be limiting to only use Native Plants. The EAC agreed that his points were valid. Mr. Touhill will check with Troop 52 to see if they are available to volunteer for Arbor Day planting, Mrs. Zadell will email him the official date.

The EAC discussed the Bird City program. Mr. Lloyd stated that Steve is the contact at Bird city and that he would love an opportunity to present the bird city program to multiple municipalities in one sitting, ahead of the Summit. There are 4 pricing plans for Bird City programs, there is one program that is \$150 and involves registering 50 properties as bird habitats. Mr. Lloyd will send the membership level info to Mrs. Zadell via email.

Mr. Peters stated that Doylestown Borough would like to co host the EAC summit. They decided that May 25th is a good date for the summit. They would like to do email invites only and hope to get them out by the end of this month. They will discuss the agenda and speakers and topics at the March meeting.

Mrs. Zadell reported that EPA reps will attend the April EAC meeting to discuss the Chem Fab Superfund site with the EAC.

Mrs. Zadell reported that she contacted Lukoil regarding the most recent back up documentation for the Lukoil spill. She stated that the records could be accessed by going to DEP and reviewing them. Mr. Feldman will follow up with DEP.

Mrs. Zadell reported that she got positive feedback from DEP on our SWANA grant application; they stated they would like to fund the project but we didn't receive any formal word yet.

The EAC discussed the trash hauler survey. Mr. Peters distributed residential surveys via email for review. The EAC discussed the different ways to distribute the survey, as a standalone mailing or in the Township Newsletter. The committee made some edits to the survey and discussed the next step in the process.

On a motion made by Mr. Feldman and seconded by Mr. Fehr the EAC voted to expend \$299 for the Gold Level survey monkey membership if the survey is approved to send out by the Board of Supervisors. They decided to include the survey in the newsletter and allow a mail in option, or survey monkey. They also discussed how they would survey the businesses in the township and decided that they would focus first on the residential survey, and if residents are not interested they won't go to the next step of surveying businesses. They would like to base their decision to survey businesses on the response from the residential survey. They also decided that the next step would be for Mr. Peters to present their request to the Board of Supervisors to distribute the edited residential survey in the Summer 2011 newsletter. Mrs. Zadell will make the final edits and distribute via email for approval before the survey is presented to the Board of Supervisors.

The committee reviewed the Act 167 Stormwater Ordinance review by Mario Canales. The EAC had no comment on this ordinance.

The committee briefly discussed the new FEMA floodplains maps. Mrs. Zadell reported that Ms. Mason and Mr. Salisbury are following the progress on the maps.

On a motion made by Mr. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Richardson the committee adjourned at 8:20 pm.