Towamencin Township Environmental Advisory Council

Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Meeting

Present: Amy Mawby

Rory Kelley Vanessa Gaynor Kelly Bonsignore Donna Hegge Brett MacKay

Joseph (Joe) Meehan

Joyce Snyder (Board of Supervisors Liaison)

Colleen Ehrle

Absent: N/A

Guests: Mary Stover, CKS

Resident: Judy Cunningham

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

Opening Comments

Rory relayed Chuck Wilson's desire to hold additional electronics recycling events.

September 2023 Meeting Minutes

Vanessa made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and all present agreed in favor of approving the minutes.

Public Comments

Rory provided Judy with an overview of the EAC.

Township Engineer Discussion

Mary gave an overview of possible Skippack Creek stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) within the Township and ways the EAC can assist the Township with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. Amy mentioned that Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) offers professional development classes on stormwater. Rory requested a copy of the Public Outreach, Education, and Participation Plan from Mary.

Old Business

Budget

The EAC is spending approximately \$735 on the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) Composting Workshop to subsidize resident registration costs. The EAC has used the \$1600 2023 budget. Rory has requested \$4000 for 2024. Proposed budget items include a PWC workshop, registration fees for the EAC Conference, an EAC tablecloth for Towamencin Day, recycling projects, signage, clean-up supplies, and giveaways.

PRC Composting Workshop

The workshop will be on 10/12 at 6:00 pm. Colleen will set up the meeting room in the same configuration as for the PWC Raingarden Workshop.

New Business

EAC Ordinance

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) will vote on 10/11 on revising the EAC Ordinance to add three non-voting members (associate members).

2024 Planning

The members decided to discuss plans for 2024 at the next meeting.

Google Drive

Rory will add MS4 information to the drive. The list of participants from past workshops can be used for future outreach/education programs.

EAC Reorganization for 2024

Amy Mawby will not be renewing her term on the EAC, which ends on 12/31/2023, due to other commitments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM. The next meeting of the EAC will be on Tuesday, November 14th, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hegge, EAC Committee Member