

UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

EAC MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2020

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jon West at 5:32 pm. The following were in attendance.

Jon West	Chairman
Erica Antoine	Member
Joanne Walker	Member
Scott McCartney	Member
Tom Alvarez	Merck Representative
Sandra Zadell	Township Manager
Denise Hull	Commissioner
Martha Simelaro	Commissioner
Deanna Logan	Administrative Assistant

2. Minutes Approval December 7, 2020

Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Walker and seconded by Mrs. Antoine, the minutes of December 7, 2020 were unanimously approved.

Mrs. Zadell announced the resignation of Heidi Lucas from the EAC. The Board of Commissioners will work to appoint a new member.

3. Plan Review

a. North Wales Station – 180 Wissahickon Avenue

Mrs. Antoine summarized the project for the committee. Six (6) files were reviewed including the plan set, sewage planning module, stormwater management report, land development application, MCPC application and cover letter.

The plan consists of a 21,300-sf warehouse, sidewalk and SBMPs.

1. Consider having a Wetland Delineation of the site conducted by a qualified professional
2. Consider conducting a wildlife and habitats assessment.
3. Consider using only native plants, trees and shrubs
4. Consider incorporating sustainable Stormwater Best Management Practices, i.e., rain gardens, green roofs etc.

5. Schedule all trimming and grading activities during the winter months to avoid disruption of breeding birds and bats.
6. Clarify the steps being done to address possible contamination (gas, fuel)
7. Identify, any dangerous material storage on site
8. Consider using measures to minimize light and noise pollution
9. Verify consistency in calculations

A discussion ensued regarding the comments that are unique to this project, (i.e., bats). Mr. West said these comments are for consideration only.

4. Old Business

a. EAC 2021 Initiatives

Mr. West briefly summarized the 2021 Initiatives

- i. Environmental Education and Outreach
 - EAC presence on Website, Social Media, Newsletter
 - Establish relationships with community, watershed organizations
 - Host educational sessions on environmental issues and specialty environmental topics
 - Participate in Township Events, Earth Day, Fall Fest etc.
- ii. Tree City/Birdtown
 - Help the Township become a certified Tree City and/or Birdtown
 - Possible establishment of a Shade Tree Commission as an extension of the EAC with professional involvement (ex. Arborist)
 - Mrs. Zadell will discuss this idea with the BOC and report back to the committee
- iii. Watershed Friendly Property Program
 - Publicize the program and give hints to residents about program
 - Mr. West will present the program at the February meeting
- iv. Renewable/Sustainable Energy
 - Mrs. Zadell will report on the county wide program at next meeting
 - She said we purchased a hybrid police vehicle, and another hybrid will be purchased this year also for the PD.

Mrs. Zadell told the committee to submit a word doc of what they want on the website and to submit newsletter items to Mrs. Logan sometime in March.

5. New Business

a. Comprehensive Plan

- Office hours with Mrs. McNaney, Mrs. Hull and Marley Bice from the MCPC this Wednesday. Mrs. Zadell said the Comp Plan will be shared with the PC and the EAC once the draft is further along.
- Feb 17 Public Workshop on Comprehensive Plan with breakout workshops

b. Winter Salt Watch

- Isaac Walton League launched a program four (4) years ago to sample and analyze road salts and their impact on our streams and creeks. The league will send out a free kit so you can test the chloride levels in streams. After testing, you upload the information to a national database. You can test before and after a winter storm.

c. EAC logo

- Could be a primer for some public engagement. May seek possible input from residents that can be posted on the website.
- Mrs. Zadell suggested adding a blurb on social media and this can be done right away to solicit community ideas / logos.

d. New meeting time

- Mr. West suggested we have a new meeting time, so we do not have any time restraints since the BOC meeting begins at 7 pm.
- Mrs. Zadell will review the Township meeting schedule and will send options to the committee

6. Adjournment

Mr. West adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm.

New Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm

The EAC will meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm.

Minutes Approved February 3, 2021