

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP  
Environmental Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2023

In attendance were:

Lynnette Saunders, EAC Chair  
Jean Scherfcunningham, secretary EAC  
Karl Pfizenmayer, EAC  
Shawn Hopkins, EAC  
Donna Rosenbaum  
Constantine Woznyj, EAC  
Margie Repka-Peters, UM Free Public Library  
Jim Morrison, EAC  
Edward Mackin  
Suzette Munley

Minutes of January were approved with changes.

Hank is not going to re-apply to be an EAC member. Donna is applying.

Outdoor Environmental Education Center –Township Engineers will work on lot line survey

Single use plastic bag ban. – commissioner comments are:

How would it be enforced

They would like more public education.

Public hearing

Some commissioners would also like to ban free plastics such straws, forks, spoons, etc

We need to ask them what they would like in the way of community education as we have been doing it via the township newsletter, table at last year's Earth Day Fair, plastic brochure, etc. We would have to advertise in local paper for public hearing and get commissioners to send out notice via email lists.

See if we can get the plastics brochure add to our web page.

Lynnette will look up enforcement in other townships. Thinking we should get a meeting/talk at the library about plastics, advertised via the commissioners. Have a petition available for signing at the meeting.

We would need to get a date from library and Farain and Stephanie Wein from Penn Environment. We could also post the meeting in Facebook, Upper Moreland News and Notes, and the Patch.

Bird Town –Resolution should be passed on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at commissioners meeting. We need volunteer hours for future projects. The required report has been turned in to the Audubon bird town group.

Fair Oaks drainage basin. They have enough room for a pre-staging area for storm water to reduce the amount of sediment and trash entering the basin.

Might be a change in location for trees in Dog Park. Lynnette read about a Tiny Forest plan where one puts 600 trees in the area the size of a tennis court.

New Township building and Police station might follow LEED standards

Earth Day and Arbor Day Planning for Sat April 22, 2023.

- Lynnette is getting stickers for new dates for signs and banners
- Popcorn machine – we can use it, there should be no problem with the power
- New tree can be put near the pond
- Ava – Climate change and what individuals can do
- Time would be 10 to 1:30
- PERT (Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust) said they will send people to our event after their 5K run. Hopefully, they will have a table
- Add Arbor Day elements. New tree near pond.
- DJ – He did commit to the date
- Food: pretzels, vegetarian pizza, non-dairy Ice cream in paper cups (Ed can bring educational materials about the environmental benefits of non-dairy products) Mark is willing to learn how to use the library's popcorn machine or maybe one of the Library Friends. Jean can bring large cooler of water and paper cups.
- Donna can do a table on Monarchs. Perhaps Milkweed plants to give away.
- Jean can grow more dill plants to be given out by Audubon
- Audubon – confirmed they can come
- Exact Solar said they will be there
- Karl will investigate getting Bird Feeders from Home Depot
- Lynnette can supply bird seed
- We have 26 Puddle Garden books to give away
- Electric Cars. Ed has a Hyundai Ioniq
- Briar Bush
- See about selling Native plants from PERT
- Jean will look into getting trees for give-away
- Ed did write up about the environmental provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act. This information can be at the EAC table
- Advertising – what can we do new?  
Flyer for Earth Day Fair – give to commissioners  
Virtual Backpack  
Yard Signs  
Facebook

Constantine contacted Nancy Guenst, Maria Collett, Madeleine Dean about the Earth day fair.  
Beyond Plastics is looking at having a table  
Septa – Constantine spoke with a person in the sustainability department.

Adjourned at 8:35 pm

our 'to do list OEEC, reforestation sites (Middle School, YMCA, creek next to dog park (approved), Pennypack Creek at Warminster Road near apartments), water bottle filling fountain at Masons Mill Park, Do a row of shrubs along MS bioswales?, reduce the use of Roundup on public and school grounds.