

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Environmental Advisory Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 7th, 2018 - 6:00 PM
Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Thomas Gettings, Chairman
Doris Clegg, Vice Chairperson
Geraldine Davis
Robert Uhl
Dennis Aranyos

Supervisors Present: None

Staff Attending: Patrick Leonard, Special Projects Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gettings called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Public Meeting Room of the Upper Saucon Township Municipal Building, 5500 Camp Meeting Road, Upper Saucon Township, Lehigh County, PA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Gettings asked all in attendance to stand and recite the "Pledge of Allegiance."

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Leonard explained that he had updated the Memorial Tree and Bench Program for the Upper Saucon Park System. No action is required on the part of the EAC.

Mr. Leonard briefly reviewed the original Condemnation paperwork for the Haring Property for the EAC.

Mr. Leonard briefly reviewed the new database for record keeping relating to the Township owned properties.

MINUTES

The motion for approval of the minutes of the May 1st, 2016 Environmental Advisory Council meeting was presented by Doris Clegg, seconded by Rob Uhl, and approved by all.

There was no EAC Meeting on June 5th, 2018.

There was no Official EAC Meeting on July 3rd, 2018. However, Mr. Gettings, Ms. Clegg and Mr. Leonard did meet and discuss several topics which were reviewed as Unofficial Minutes for the EAC.

DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Leonard reviewed the last Township Road Cleanup with the Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Department. The crew recovered 8 bags of trash from Heckmans Lane. It was approximate 25 pounds of debris. Additional cleanups will be scheduled to begin next year in March.

Ms. Clegg is working on the next Backyard Natural Habitat program and will update the EAC soon.

Ms. Clegg discussed 2 injuries and safety concerns about the Rain Barrel Workshop not adequately prepared with PPE and safety briefing.

Ms. Clegg stated the Stargazing event will be held in September. More information to follow.

Ms. Clegg will begin working on the Natural Decorations Program soon. More information to follow.

Mr. Leonard stated that the next Electronics Recycling Event with AERC will be held at PennState Lehigh Valley on 10/13/2018.

Mr. Leonard reviewed the initial meeting with Chris Kocher from Wildlands Conservancy in an effort to identify a funding vehicle for the conservation of the Haring Property. A second meeting will be scheduled with the land protection team from Wildlands. Mr. Gettings and Mr. Leonard will work on a draft letter to the BOS from the EAC asking for conservation consideration of the Haring Property.

Mr. Leonard discussed that the School District really did not want to explore a Litter Awareness Campaign in conjunction with the EAC and that something with the Public Library would be a better approach.

Ms. Clegg will work on scheduling a Inter-Municipal EAC meeting in the near future.

Ms. Clegg will follow up with Brian Hilliard from Solarize Lehigh Valley to schedule a presentation to the EAC at a future date to be determined.

ACTION ITEMS

None

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS - Items not on agenda that Commission members wish to discuss

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Mr. George Bloeser spoke about two concerns; the first being the preservation of the Haring Property and the second being the preservation of the President Pump site on Lehigh Universities Property in the Township.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Council, Mr. Gettings adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM

The next EAC Meeting will be on September 4th, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

