

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7 PM

MEMBERS:

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LIAISONS:

LEE, Staff BOYLE-NESTER, BOS Liaison

Others in attendance: Leslie Green, Township Resident; Monica Gallagher, Township Resident being considered for appointment to the EAB; Gordon Geasland, Township Resident being considered for appointment to the EAB

2. 2017 RE-ORGANIZATION – this item was tabled to the next meeting when we have a full attendance.

- a. Election of Chair
- b. Election of Vice-Chair

3. 2017 MEETING CALENDAR (3rd Monday of each month)

- a. March 20
- b. May 15
- c. July 17
- d. September 18
- e. November 20

4. EAB VACANCIES – EJ Lee shared with the group that the Board of Supervisors has two residents they are prepared to appoint to the EAB (two residents who are in attendance at this meeting) so the EAB membership count will be up to 5 from 3 soon.

5. EAB MISSION STATEMENT

Per the EAB members' request, EJ provide an outline of the EAB's roles and responsibilities as identified in the Township ordinance. The EAB discussed various points of the roles and responsibilities list and what those items entail and what is expected of the EAB members. EJ Lee explained various state and local requirements for education and outreach efforts that the Township must do each year per grant and permit requirements. The group further discussed education and outreach effort ideas with local businesses and other organizations within the Township to create partnerships while educating the public at the same time.

Different Environmental Initiatives were also discussed – clean energy, recycling, open space preservation. EJ will note these initiatives to list in the next agenda and have an EAB member be accountable for that initiative to see make sure efforts to educate and outreach on those initiatives are made throughout the year.

EJ asked the group to read the list of roles and responsibilities so that the EAB can come up with a group mission statement as the focus and guide in the EAB's future planning efforts.

- Identify environmental problems and recommend plans and programs to the appropriate Township board and/or commission for the promotion and conservation of the natural resources and for the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment within the Township's limits.
- Promote community environmental awareness and programs.
- Undertake such environmental tasks as requested by the Board of Supervisors.

6. EARTH DAY 2017 – SAME DAY AS TOWNSHIP DAY 2017 – The group discussed various ways to recognize Earth Day. One idea suggested was to try doing the recycling bin contest again and push it a little more this year to get more participants. Another idea was to post environmental facts and ideas on the Township Facebook page to get public participation. EJ will review through old newsletters and also work with the Parks & Rec Director to compile a list of “fun facts”. At the end, there can be a quiz on all the fun facts and have residents take the quiz to give prizes to those who get them all correct.

7. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2016 MEETING MINUTES – The December meeting minutes were approved by voice vote.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. ADJOURNMENT – 9:10 PM