ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 5th, 2024, at 7:30 P.M.

Plumstead Township Administrative Building

5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA 18947

James Paul Johnson, Acting Chairman

Parth Vaidyanath, Member

Tovah Karl, Member

Thomas Lurz, Member

Andy Thomas, Member

Joan Hoffman, Resident

Meeting called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lurz.

Reusable Bag Project: Mr. Lurz discussed the health effects of non-biodegradable plastics (i.e. carcinogenic). Members discussed pricing options regarding reusable bag vendors, as well as materialistic advantages between options. Mr. Lurz raises an issue with the material of PCBs and BPAs, which are unideal materials in water bottles—one of the bag options uses recycled water bottles as a material. Members voted on a bag type and unanimously selected one.

Earth Day Event: Members discussed potential events for the 2024 Earth Day event, which is slanted to take place at Hanussey Park on April 20th. Members discussed having a tree planting and road clean-up the same day of the Earth Day event before it; the road-cleanup is supposed to take place at 8 A.M., and the tree planting will occur immediately after. Members will reach out to Angela to secure Hanussey Park for the Earth Day event.

Park Bench Project: Members briefly discussed the logistics surrounding the park bench project. Ms. Karl will contact Plumstead Township schools to discuss the EAC's idea for a school competition.

Stream Clean-up Project: Members discussed tentative timing and locations for the stream clean-up project; members decided on hosting the event in early Fall (e.g. October). Members tentatively scheduled this project for September 7th at the Tohickon Creek.

Ms. Hoffman expressed concern over management of a region of stormwater runoff growth; the area was home to native species and an invasive species that resulted in the removal of all plants present, without any plan for replacing the native species. Members then discussed this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.