

Palmer Township ESC – Meeting Minutes

Environmental Steering Committee

January 23, 2013

**Attendees:** Chris Briglia, John Balas, Tom Dittmar, Nancy Nicholas, Bob Lammi, Rob Reese, John Olock, Cindy Oatis, Tom Ganssle, Terry Cooper

**Pre-Meeting Q & A for Township Residents Opened:** 6:30pm Rob R. advised the single resident that attended.

**Regular Meeting opened:** 6:50 PM

Cindy O. discussed the FAQ Public Education Report with the ESC members for proposed revisions.

**ESC Reorganization:** Bob Lammi presided over the reorganization proceedings. Tom Ganssle was nominated as the Chairperson. Terry Cooper was nominated as the Secretary. Chris Briglia was nominated as the Vice-chairperson.

**Approval Of Minutes:** November 28, 2012 meeting minutes tabled until the February 27, 2013 ESC meeting.

**Guests:** Adam (Mascaro)

**Hauler Report:** (1) Adam briefly reported the results of the Holiday tree pick-up noting only a few missed pick-ups by a new driver. (2) Terry C. mentioned less Holiday tree recycling volume in the past years and Cindy O. agreed.

**Recycling Coordinator Report:** (1) It was recommended that the ESC members read through and edit the FAQ report and re-submit it to Cindy O. (2) The following questions and comments were offered with regard to the FAQ report:

- A question was raised regarding the placement of containers and Cindy O. reminded the ESC that problem areas for containers will be planned out with the hauler as there are general concerns regarding difficult pick-up areas in Town.
- Rob R. suggested highlighting any glass other than the normal bottles and jars should not be recycled.
- Cindy O. recommended that a list of Do's & Don'ts be prepared and that would be the best solution.
- Tom G. questioned the amount of carts given out to businesses and Cindy O. said they would not apply. Rob R. mentioned the large amount of home businesses in Town. Tom G. said they would purchase extra containers if necessary.
- Cindy O. requested that ESC members submit any comments on FAQ pages 3 & 4 directly to her.
- The price increase in South Whitehall Township was mentioned.
- There was a brief discussion on recycling cartons.
- Cindy O. discussed the public education status with the ESC. Comments were listed as follows:
  - Postings and newsletters will go out in March with recipients to include schools, churches, public buildings, etc. A conceptual article will appear in the next Township newsletter.
  - The April 15<sup>th</sup> newsletter will contain a large article with all pertinent details.
  - Toters will contain an information package for residents upon delivery.
  - The Township website will be modified with all appropriate information.
  - Speaking engagements are scheduled.
  - A ribbon cutting event is proposed and seems to be favorable with the Township BOS. The decision is up to the Township Manager Chris C.
  - Rob R. mentioned the lack of signage for the holiday tree pick-up trucks.
  - There will be Waste Management containers for education, not display.
  - The new contract will include milk/juice carton recycling.
  - Two (2) containers will be delivered to residents; both dark green; one (1) with a yellow lid for recycling and one (1) with a dark green lid for trash. The carts will be assembled and delivered on a "house by house" basis.
  - John B. mentioned numbering the containers and the Township having those numbers in a database for when they get lost.
  - Tom D. mentioned that the containers are actually Township property.
  - Carts will be ordered in February. Remaining issues will be resolved then.
  - A March 1, 2013 newsletter will go out.
  - An April 2, 2013 newsletter will go out.
  - Will wheels need to be removed from recycled containers?
  - Bob L. mentioned preparing a video of a typical operation and post it on the Township website.
  - Electronic recyclers? Private ones?

**Public Education Recap:** (1) Rob R. mentioned that our guest said no meeting dates or times are mentioned in The Palmer Patch. Dino Ciliberti does the article. Tom G. said he would take care of it.

**Old Business:** (1) Feb., Mar. and Apr. ESC meetings will begin at 6:30pm. (2) A prescription drug drop is tentatively set for Apr. 27, 2013. Tom D. will check and verify the final date. (3) Tom G. inquired about the next HHW events and Tom D. mentioned he has them scheduled for June 1, 2013 @ NCC from 8:30am – 2:00pm and October 12, 2013 @ NCC from 8:30am – 2:00pm. He added that there will NOT be an entrance off of Oakland Road and Police, Fire Co. will contribute to

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improve traffic control. (4) Cindy O. inquired about electronic equipment recycling. Tom D. said that Johnny Johnson at Freecycle plans on opening an establishment at the former Victor Balata site in Feb. 2013 and that they have the necessary permits. He also mentioned that Easton Iron & Metal might start taking electronics. Best Buy will accept certain electronics. (5) It is still uncertain whether or not an E-cycling event will be held this year. (6) Tom D. inquired as to who will take latex paint and that perhaps we should consider holding an event solely for latex paint drop-off. Habitat for Humanity will take full unopened cans of latex paint.

**New Business:** (1) The ESC held a brief discussion regarding the adventures in Adventures in Agriculture event at the Palmer Mall in Feb. 2013. Terry C. provided a schedule of time slots for ESC members interested in participating. (2) Tom G. discussed his revision status of the ESC 2013 YPA and modified it further according to discussion. (3) Chris B. will notify the Township Clerk with regard to newly appointed officers for 2013. (4) Tom D. mentioned that the ESC should announce that new members are needed.

**Adjournment:** 8:30pm motion to adjourn meeting.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Township Library conference room. *Minutes originally submitted by Chris Briglia February 13, 2013.*