

Palmer Township EAC – Meeting Minutes
Environmental Steering Committee
February 23, 2011

Attendees: Tom Ganssle, Chris Briglia, Cindy Oatis, Rob Reese, Denise Veres, Tom Dittmar, Terry Cooper, John Olock

Meeting opened: 7:03 PM

Guests: Steve (Mascaro Hauling), Rob Caesar (Mascaro Hauling), Charlie (Recycling Center), Andrew Sardenski (resident guest)

Affirm Meeting Schedule: No Reorganization due to lack of BOS representative.

Approval of Minutes: No approval of minutes due to no reorganization.

Hauler Report: (1) No report. (2) John O. and Chris B. mentioned problems with trash and recycling pick-up. (3) Mark Caesar mentioned that he would address the problems. (4) Christmas tree pick-up was satisfactory. (5) The Committee held a brief discussion regarding yard waste pick-up and stressed a reminder to advertise this year. (6) Charlie commented on container return timing at the recycling center.

YPA 2011:

1. Tom D. briefed the Committee regarding the following E-Cycling events: HHW drop-off on October 8, 2011; E-cycling event on May 21, 2011. He mentioned that there are (4) events scheduled for this year.
2. Tom D. discussed compost seminar scheduling and the lack of funds to offer the seminar this year. It was decided that the seminar would not be held this year and not a priority.
3. Rob R. that we missed the Adventures in Agriculture event this year and that it was held in February.
4. The Committee briefly discussed the hauling contract. Bob L. advised that a presentation before the Board of Supervisors (BOS) is necessary. ESC members had a brief discussion regarding the presentation content and scheduling.
5. Rob R. mentioned the Great PA Clean-up from April 16, 2011 – April 30, 2011.
6. The Committee collectively agrees to try to increase the volume of recycling in the Township.
7. The Committee collectively agrees to keep the Township recycling center expansion as a priority.
8. Denise V. discussed the Energy Audit. She said that certain maintenance items are necessary to continue the audit and that more involvement from the ESC is needed. The ESC will need to make a presentation to the BOS for approval of the budgeting for the maintenance items. Tom D. made a recommendation to present a plan to the BOS.

Recycling Coordinator Report: Cindy Oatis was present and also had the following comments and/or suggestions:

1. Cindy O. mentioned that Grants are backed up at the PADEP. She said that 902 grants are not looking positive. The composting center is budgeted for the year. Progress with the Recycling Center Expansion is positive. Styrofoam peanut return facilities at 13th & Northampton & the Mail Room in Forks Township. ESC members are reminded to read the recycling report prior to the next meeting for discussion.

Announcements: (1) Rob R. stated that we need an alternative liaison to the Township BOS when Bob L. is absent. (2) Cindy O. mentioned that advertising to churches should be considered for the E-Cycling events. (3) Tom D. is starting the advertising process. (4) At the next ESC

meeting members should indicate if they are going to volunteer and also who they will contact to advertise the events.

Adjournment: 8:23pm motion to adjourn meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Township Library conference room.

Minutes submitted by Chris Briglia March 16, 2011.