

## Palmer Township ESC – Meeting Minutes

**Environmental Steering Committee**

**March 26, 2013**

**Attendees:** Tom Dittmar, Tom Ganssle, Nancy Nicholas, Cindy Oatis, Rob Reese, Terry Cooper

**Pre-Meeting Q & A for Township Residents Opened:** No residents present.

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

**Approval Of Minutes:** February 27, 2013 ESC meeting minutes approved. Motion to approve-Rob R.; seconded-Tom D. Passed unanimously.

**Guests:** Dennis Potter (possible ESC member) and Adam (Mascaro)

**Hauler Report:** (1) Three minor issues. (2) Wrap-up reporting.

**Recycling Coordinator Report:** (1) Township Spring Newsletter is out. Pamphlet information mailer and small card with collection days will be in homes by April 15, 2013. FAQ is on website. For those without computers, FAQ will be sent by mail upon request. Toters will also have information. Cindy will need help during first couple weeks of new contract. (2) Waste Management setting up to assemble and distribute new toters on April 29. Waste Management is also setting up special phone number for Palmer Township residents. (3) If total is stolen, a report must be filed with the Police Department. Resident is to bring Police Report to receive new toter. (4) Some areas of the Township will be more difficult to collect. Residents are to put toters in their regular spot to be collected later in the day when there is less on-street parking. Either the automated truck will be used or the toter will be hand-dumped into the garbage truck. (5) Waste Management will be taking drink cartons, #6 plastic, and metals in the recycling toters. (6) Dates have been set for yard-waste collection. Collection will be a little different, need to use yard waste bags. Tom G., Rob R., and Nancy N. will find out information from Piscitello's, Target, Sears, Home Depot, Lowes, and Amazon. Looking into compostable and recyclable bags.

**Old Business:** (1) The Year-End Report should be sent to the Board of Supervisors. (2) Great American Clean-Up—we'll find volunteers and do our own toward the end of May. Possible locations are Hackett Avenue, Greenwood Avenue, or behind High School to Richards along the bike path. Last year, along Bushkill Creek near Penn Pump, there wasn't much garbage.

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:** (1) Tom D.-PA DEP has a webinar "DEP at home" about E-cycling and Household Hazardous Waste on April 3, at 7:00PM. (2) DEA's Prescription collection program (Spring and Fall) on April 27. WalMart in Nazareth with oversight by Tatamy Police Department. (3) Ten percent of PA 902 grants went to Northampton County. (4) June 1, Household Hazardous Waste collection at Northampton Community College. (5) ? Conference in Wilkes Barre on July 24. (6) EACs in Northampton County get together in Bushkill Township.

**Adjournment:** 7:45pm Tom G. motion to adjourn meeting; seconded by Tom D.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Township Library conference room with a public Q&A beginning at 6:30pm.

*Minutes originally submitted by Terry Cooper April 23, 2013.*