

Palmer Township ESC – Meeting Minutes

Environmental Steering Committee

March 26, 2014

Attendees: Terry Cooper, Tom Dittmar, Tom Ganssle, John Marks, Cindy Oatis (Recycling Coordinator), and Rob Reese.

Meeting opened: approximately 7:07 PM

Approval Of Minutes: October 23, 2013 minutes approved unanimously; Tom G. motioned to approve, seconded by John M. February 26, 2014 minutes approved unanimously; Rob R. motioned to approve, seconded by Tom D.

Recycling Coordinator Report: (1) Waste Recycling/Cost Overview charts of analysis presented and explained. Overall shows between significant savings to Township. (2) Need everyone to submit all recycling locations and items to recycle for Township website. (3) There will be an additional yard waste pick-up this year.

Year's Plan of Action: (1) May, instead of April, do Great American Clean-Up (2) September-Habitat for Humanity will bring truck to Community Center for furniture and paint recycling. Committee get involved. Schedule, publicize and hand-outs at Community Weekend. (3) June/July/August-Community weekend. (4) September-Yard waste education-brochures, Household Hazardous Waste. Have composting class over winter, though May was suggested. (5) October-Recycling Awareness month and Environmental Energy month.

Discussion: (1) Vice Chair vacancy. Election or remain vacant. Motion to keep vacant by Tom D., seconded by Terry C., but tabled decision until April meeting. (2) Great American Clean Up on May 10. Rob R. will register us. John M. mentioned clean up by Lehigh River at Hope Road to keep trash from getting into river and down to Delaware Bay then Atlantic Ocean. John M. mentioned could work with Northampton Community College's group, Band of Brothers. (3) April 26th National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day in PA (10AM-2PM).

New Business: Begin talking about plans for new Hartley Avenue recycling site.

Old Business: Check ESC members archive for changes needed.

Adjourn: 8:40PM Rob R. motions to adjourn meeting; seconded by Tom D. Approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Township Library conference room.

Minutes submitted by Terry Cooper April 23, 2014 and approved.