

Palmer Township ESC – Meeting Minutes

Environmental Steering Committee

April 24, 2013

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

Guests: Chris (Mascaro) left after hauler report.

Regular Meeting opened: approximately 6:40 PM

Approval Of Minutes: March 26, 2013 ESC meeting minutes approved. Motion to approve, Rob R.; seconded, Chris B.

Hauler Report: (1) Heavy intake. (2) Getting transition calls. (3) Monday-yard waste signs have been made for trucks. (4) Electronic drop off free for everything at Portland Street in Whitehall Township. (5) Thank you for your help.

Recycling Coordinator Report: (1) Cascade Management will assemble toters at Chrin Center. As Mascaro's picks up garbage, Waste Management will deliver toters. There will be manual pick up until entire zone gets toter, then goes automated. New pick up will be based on new zones. (2) Erroneous information is being distributed. New trucks haven't been delivered yet. (Bob L.- Statement to be posted on website.) Regardless, garbage should be put out on new schedule. (3) Issues-push back from Victoria Square, Mill Race, and Penn's Grant regarding their narrow streets. Their collection will occur later in the day. Carts are to be placed as closed to the street as possible. System can be tweaked in the future. Some people are upset about the size of the containers and storing them. (4) Another problem came to light regarding a few mixed use properties where certain businesses were collected under the resident contract. Farms are a business, will get two toters and dumpsters for business part of farm. Small home businesses are fine, like basement/garage beauty salons. (5) Starting to re-write garbage ordinances. Updating educational materials and mailing to elderly. (6) Cindy will be on site with Township for the next two weeks. (7) Thanks to Rob R., Tom G., and Nancy N. for their research on compostable bags.

Old Business: (1) Year Planned Action-no changes. (2) Honing time and location of 2014 Great American Clean-Up. Clean up can be in Fall. Need ideas and coordination with Police Department. Talk with Tom Adams about groups who have been doing clean up to determine where to and not to clean up. (3) For Act 101, DEP Litter program education should be done as a group. Bob L. suggested to but it on list of goals so by next year the Litter program will be implemented. Program also needs to be registered on state web site.

New Business: None

Announcements: (1) Tom D.-Household Hazardous Waste volunteers on June 1 (7:30AM – 2:00PM) at Community College; Tom Ganssle, Rob Reese, and Terry Cooper. (2) Tom D.-Prescription Collections Program-14 scattered sites, according to DEA; Tatamy Municipal Building, Bethlehem Township Municipal Building, Giant-Forks Township, Young's Pharmacy. (3) Chris B.-PEC participation-no activity since 2006. Next meeting is May 7, at Lower Towamensing (Palmerton). Jean Ortiz will be speaking "Conservation by Design" (jortiz@audubon.org or 215-519-5648).

Adjournment: 8:25pm Tom G motion to adjourn meeting; seconded by Terry C.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Township Library conference room with a public Q&A beginning at 6:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Terry Cooper June 24, 2013; approved June 26, 2013.