

Palmer Township ESC – Meeting Minutes

Environmental Steering Committee

May 22, 2013

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

Pre-Meeting Q & A for Township Residents Opened: 7:PM. Committee discussed new waste pick-up with Mr. Joe Fish. Mr. Fish wants to know about leaf collection, which will be continued by the Township. He also made a statement that there is a lot of yard waste. Tom Ganssle suggested that small amounts of yard waste be take to Hartley Avenue facility at no cost.

Guests: Mr. Joe Fish, 2401 Woodridge Terrace, Palmer Township

Regular Meeting opened: approximately 6:50 PM

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

Recycling Coordinator Report: (1) Week four in new contract. Many phone calls, mostly logistical in nature, primarily elderly citizens, but also businesses and new people. Two people requested extra recycling bins. Township will not give out any new extra containers for six months. (2) Discussion with Board of Supervisors to get smaller, 64-gallon containers. Thirty-two gallon containers are problematic with automated trucks. (3) Businesses are not getting totes. This is a residential contract only. (4) Problem pick-up areas are Greenwood Avenue, Wm. Penn Highway, Freemansburg Avenue. (5) If business is primarily residential can use totes, but if business grows for proprietor requests additional toter, needs to change to commercial hauler. (6) Recycling dumpsters at Hartley Facility are now single-stream which helps small businesses and schools, except for cardboard. (7) Cindy comparing recycling numbers from May 2012 and May 2013. (8) Newsletter will contain grass recycling, yard waste, and bulk collection information.

Old Business: (1) 2014 Great American Clean-Up not on major roads due to danger. Information about April 5-6, 2014 event should be available with sign-up sheet at Community Weekend. (2) Household Hazardous Waste Event at Northampton Community College on June 1, 2013. Traffic flow will be entering Green Pond Road and exiting on Oakland Road. (3) Community Weekend should focus on success of new garbage system. We should also include business waste audits-Tom D. and Rob R. Get Community Days handout and educational ideas with vendors to Cindy.

New Business: None

Adjournment: 8:40pm Tom G motion to adjourn meeting; seconded by Nancy N.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 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.