

Palmer Township
Environmental Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2011

Attendees: Tom Ganssle, Chris Briglia, Cindy Oatis, Rob Reese, Tom Dittmar, John Balas

Meeting opened: 7:06 PM

Guests: Mark Caesar (Mascaro Hauling), Robert Natkie (resident)

Approval of Minutes: March, 2011 and April, 2011 minutes approved.

Hauler Report: (1) The Committee held a discussion regarding yard waste pick-up. It was an overall success. (2) The committee discussed the lack of truck signage for "yard waste", as was promised by Steve (Mascaro) at a previous ESC meeting. Mark C. stated the yard waste truck was not available except for Monday. Tom G. suggested a magnetic sign for an available truck and Mark C. said he would order them the next day. (3) The committee briefly discussed the current hauling contract.

Recycling Coordinator Report: (1) Cindy O. gave a brief update regarding the energy efficiency study for the Township Community Center. (2) She mentioned that the Corporate Sustainability Committee is being organized more for small businesses. (3) She briefly discussed the potential of Recycle Bank services in the Easton area. (4) Cindy and Tom D. held a discussion on the possibility of Northampton County applying for grants for E-Cycling. Tom D. said there would be a very remote chance of getting grant money for E-Cycling and that next year it would not be necessary.

E-Cycling Event 2011 Results: (1) 7,520 lbs. of refrigerators and air conditioners were collected per Tom D. 1,980 lbs. of paper was shredded per Chris B. (2) The E-Cycling event was an overall success. (3) Tom D. mentioned the upcoming events at other locations.

Non-active Members: (1) Tom G. stated that David Sciascia was no longer a member of the ESC (2) Tom G. stated that Ron Kantor was no longer a member of the ESC. There are no replacement members at this time.

Hauler Contract Discussion: (1) Tom G. suggested forming a sub-committee for the revision of the hauler contract. (2) Rob Natkie obtained prices for "toter" containers and the range was \$50.00 - \$60.00; he is also researching costs of trucks which range from \$230,000.00 - \$250,000.00. (3) Rob R. mentioned that these prices/costs are only for "toter program" feasibility purposes. Toter and Schaffer are the manufacturers of the cart containers ("toters"). (4) Both Rob R. and Tom G. suggest that a sub-committee be formed and meeting results be conveyed to Bob L. as Liaison to the Township BOS. (5) Sub-committee members to include Rob R., Tom G., Rob N., John B., Cindy O. & Tom D.

Adjournment: 8:37pm motion to adjourn meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Township Library conference room.

Minutes submitted by Chris Briglia June 21, 2011.

Revised: June 23, 2011 CDB