

Palmer Township ESC – Meeting Minutes

Environmental Steering Committee

May 28, 2014

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

Meeting opened: approximately 7:10 PM

Approval Of Minutes: April 23, 2014, minutes approved unanimously; John M. motioned to approve, seconded by Tom D.

Recycling Coordinator Report: (1) Recycling Center at Hartley Ave. is showing an increase in recycling. (2) Waste dumping fees were \$163,000 per month, now they are \$124,000 per month. (3) Palmer Township's new waste and recycling program is moving toward lowering waste and increasing recycling, while reducing costs to our Township residents. (4) *Recycler Magazine* has asked Cindy to write an article about our waste/recycling program. (5) Re-organizing website and checking out 902 and 904 grant criteria.

Old Business: (1) Great American Clean-Up, occurring on May 10th, collected waste from Freemansburg Avenue South on Hope Road and east to the Boat Launch. Hugh Moore Park personnel helped by offering the site as a collection center and cleaned out the tires. John Marks collected 15 bags of garbage the Friday before. Tom D., Tom G., and Rob R. and many other volunteers were out on Saturday and collected 17 30-gal. bags of trash, at least 35 30-gal. bags of recyclables. (2) Tom G. and Cindy O. went to EAC Conference in Reading on May 3rd. We could improve our support to township officials by increasing our knowledge base of PA municipal code, zoning code, conservation tools, land acquisition and sub-division.

New Business: (1) Helping with Household Hazardous Waste event at NCC, Saturday, May 31 at 8:00AM. (2) Community Weekend theme – Education – Do Not Litter and Illegal Dumping, including on Bike Path “leave nothing but your footprint.” Everyone involved.

Adjourn: 8:15PM Tom G. motions to adjourn meeting; seconded by Tom D. Approved unanimously.

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

Minutes submitted by Terry Cooper; amended and approved June 25, 2014.