

**Palmer Township**  
**Environmental Steering Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 22, 2011**

**Attendees:** Tom Ganssle, Chris Briglia, Cindy Oatis, Tom Dittmar, John Balas, Denise Veres, Bob Lammi

**Meeting opened:** 7:04 PM

**Guests:** Heath Ganssle

**Approval of Minutes:** May 25, 2011 minutes approved with revisions.

**Hauler Report:** (1) No one present and no report. (2) Tom D. mentioned that J. P. Mascaro (Mascaro) haulers were backing a truck up Green Hill Road 8:00pm Saturday night on June 4, 2011. He also mentioned that on June 13, 2011 Mascaro haulers were sitting inside the packer unit in the truck during their stops. He mentioned that these occurrences are in clear violation of safety standards and laws. (3) Cindy O. said she would notify Mark Caesar (Mascaro Representative) about it. Bob Lammi reminded the Committee that the Township has no control over these violations and that Mascaro is responsible for its employees.

**Recycling Coordinator Report:** (1) Cindy can offer O. said she had submitted a letter to Mascaro requesting "single stream" service for the Township. (2) Cindy O. notified the Committee of the tour of the Chrin Company methane recovery complex on July 1, 2011 at 9:30am and that members are welcome. (3) Cindy O. offered a brief discussion outlining the steps taken so far regarding the energy audit. Conversations with Tom Adams indicate that Ken Fields completed an initial review of the Community Center for an energy audit and Tom Adams would like a report of Ken's findings. Mike Gibson of Gray Connective can offer this service free to commercial uses. (4) Bob Lammi mentioned the following Township maintenance upgrades; The Township converted street lights from mercury vapor to high pressure sodium and that will save the Township approximately \$800.00/month; The Township converted building lights from incandescent to LED; The Park Maintenance building lights are also in the process of being changed. Bob L. also mentioned that the public pool pumps have been upgraded to more efficient models. Bob L. mentioned that he would request a brief report from Tom Adams regarding these upgrades and that they may serve as highlights for the Township Community Days display.

**Old Business:** (1) Tom D. mentioned the Tree-Vitalization Grant is on hold for now. He mentioned that 45,668 lbs. of material was collected at the 2011 Palmer E-Cycling event including 7,520lbs. of air conditioners and refrigerators. To date Palmer Township has collected 213,337 lbs. of E-Cycling material including air conditioners and refrigerators from 2008 – 2011. (2) 1,980 lbs. of paper was shredded per Chris B.

**New Business:** (1) Tom G. and Cindy O. discussed the format of the revised hauler contract with respect to their presentation of revisions to the Township Board Of Supervisors (BOS). (2) Tom G. submitted a report of hauling options to the Committee members. (3) Cindy O. discussed three models of Recycle Bank service options; individual; community wide; Township wide, for point distribution. (4) Tom G. discussed how to present the Committee's findings to the BOS most effectively and at the same time effectively implement Recycle Bank service into our ultimate choice of hauling option. The cost of Recycle Bank service will be a very important factor in choice and implementation. It would be cumbersome to include the service within the revised contract at this point. (5) Tom G. and Cindy O. suggest meeting with the Township Manager to discuss Recycle Bank and to update him with findings to date and get his input. (5) The Committee discussed the 2011 Palmer Days event and that the Township's "green" accomplishments should be highlighted this year. The Sub-committee will meet at the Ganssle's on July 7, 2011 at 9:00am. Cindy O. said she would order the banner and needs ideas for a slogan or phrase. Denise V. suggested that we photo-display the Township's "green" accomplishments with a small narrative. Chris B. will prepare the narratives for the photo display. It was decided that no plants will be raffled this year and that we will raffle an electric lawn mower.

**Announcements:** (1) Denise V. mentioned that the Chrin Center does not provide recycling containers around the building and that she would make a recommendation to do so. (2) Tom D. mentioned that the Easton High School Class of '92' is holding a yard sale and E-Cycling event at the Easton Area High School. The E-Cycling company working the event is questionable with regard to providing accurate data of collected material. Bob L. suggested a letter written to the company after the event requesting their collected material amounts so this would be included within our yearly collection data, being the material is collected within Palmer Township.

**Adjournment:** 8:42pm motion to adjourn meeting.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Township Library conference room.

Minutes submitted by Chris Briglia July 15, 2011.