

Palmer Township ESC – Meeting Minutes

Environmental Steering Committee

June 25, 2014

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

Meeting opened: approximately 7:00 PM

Approval Of Minutes: May 28, 2014, minutes approved unanimously; John M. motioned to approve, seconded by Tom D. Motion to correct to May 2014 minutes by John M, seconded by Rob R.; approved unanimously.

Recycling Coordinator Report: (1) Electronics recycling – Free-Cycle may close, desired volume not being attained. (2) Disconnected relationship with Einfalt for scrap-metal recycling at Hartley Ave. Entered agreement with Easton Iron and Metal. (3) Palmer Township won the 2014 Waste Watcher Award from Professional Recycling Of Pennsylvania. Cindy and Chris Christman will go to meeting July 23-25, in Washington, PA to accept award. (4) The Recycling Center at Hartley Ave. is overcrowded and unsafe. Hoping to renovate the building that currently holds recycling containers on the Public Works property to make it a drive through Recycling Center. Hoping to add electronics, polystyrene, shredding and plastic bags at the new Recycling Center

Old Business: (1) Rob would like to know if Palmer residents knew per capita waste-poundage information, would residents have more incentive to recycle? (2) Palmer Community Weekend may be a potpourri of ideas. Focus on litter. Lawn Mower raffle. Rain barrels. Reduction of pollinators such as, butterflies, bees, and wasps. Tom G. and Rob R. will look for plants for a rain garden and native plants. Tent arrangement. Trail Etiquette education. (3) HHW Event at Community College processed 1178 cars. From those cars, 105,013 pounds of HHW, 503 tires (84 cars were tires only), more than 4000 car batteries, and more than 12,000 linear feet of fluorescent bulbs.

New Business: (1) Lehigh Valley Planning Commission with RenewLV are offering meetings focusing on climate, energy, and the LV Comprehensive Plan at the Nature/Nurture Center. (2) Send out Community Weekend shift sheet.

Adjourn: 8:35PM 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 and approved July 23, 2014.