

Palmer Township ESC – Meeting Minutes

Environmental Steering Committee

June 26, 2013

Attendees: Tom Dittmar, Tom Ganssle, Bob Lammi, Nancy Nicholas, Terry Cooper

Meeting opened: approximately 7:10 PM

Approval Of Minutes: April 24, and May 22, 2013 ESC meeting minutes approved. Motion to approve, Nancy N.; seconded, Tom D. Approved unanimously.

Waste Management Hauler Report: no representatives present.

Recycling Coordinator Report: (1) Community Weekend-Completed the \$10-coupon for yard waste drop-off at Berks St. Tom Adams will review and approve for Community Weekend distribution. Will multiple coupons per family be allowed? Information will be in next newsletter, due to come out just before Community Weekend. Chris and Tom G. are taking care of mowers, which were purchased by the Township for \$375 each from Sears. (2) Cindy is preparing miscellaneous educational/hand-out materials including magnets for single stream; Berks St. and the Recycling Center. (3) Cindy is preparing a \$5 coupon for mulching blade discount from Piscitello's. Rob R. arranged for this. Piscitello's said there are over 100 different blades but they only carry three, but they will order the mulching blade needed by the coupon holder. (4) Recycling Center – getting more yard waste and the attendants have been instructed to be lenient with the amounts accepted. According to Berks Street and Hartley Avenue attendants, there have been a lot of complaints about loss of unlimited trash. Residents are trying to dispose of yard waste properly and drop-off materials more often. Citizens should be told to take metal to Hartley facility to be recycled. The metal bin is filling up twice as fast as it used to (Tom G.). (5) Berks Street – seeing some increase in amounts of yard waste. (6) Reports – Waste and Recycling reports, revenue check, etc. are expected at an upcoming meeting with Waste Management. Waste Management representative not at this meeting. (7) When is Contract Implementation Recap Meeting – Will be meeting with Chris Christman, Tom Stang, and Waste Management's customer service director to review the implementation process (what worked – what could be improved upon). (8) Upcoming Newsletter – submitted information to be included about Business Recycling Education, special recycling programs education, etc. (9) Bill Buskirk, Waste Management's Route Manager, will not be required to attend our ESC meetings on a regular basis, but will be available to attend when issues arise that may require his knowledge and/or input. Is meeting attendance part of contract?

Old Business: (1) Community Weekend should focus on success of new contract. Raffle off two 22" Craftsman mulching mowers (\$375 each). Tom G. had a diagram of how the tent should be organized. With information and hand outs/give-away on Yard Waste at Berks Street, Single Stream Recycling, and Grass-cycling. Should include information about electronic-waste disposal and locations of those vendors. Many vendors are now charging \$20-50 for CRTs and TVs. (2) Household Hazardous Waste event (June 1) had 768 cars. New traffic flow went well. Next event October 12 at Northampton Community College. (3) Tom G. shared a diagram of Cindy's proposal of booth arrangement with three focus tables with information, recycling with Mascaro over last five years down 17%-18%, and Great PA Clean-up – temporarily tabled.

New Business: (1) Cindy O. or Tom G. need to see about the metal steps that belong at the yard recycling bin at Hartley Recycling Center. Need to get metal recycling numbers from Easton Iron & Metal (Tom G.) (2) Schools have to recycle or PA DEP will stop sending performance grant funding to municipality. Tom D. is working on a school-recycling manual. (3) We should also include business waste audits-Tom D.

Adjournment: 8:20pm Tom G motion to adjourn meeting; seconded by Tom D. Approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Township Library conference room.

Minutes submitted by Terry Cooper July 24, 2013.