

Palmer Township ESC – Meeting Minutes

Environmental Steering Committee

August 22, 2012 (Rev. Oct. 24, 2012)

Attendees: Rob Reese, Tom Ganssle, Chris Briglia, Tom Dittmar, John Olock, Bob Lammi, Cindy Oatis, John Balas, Denise Veres, Rob Natkie

Meeting opened: Approximately 7:00 PM

Approval Of Minutes: June and July minutes have been tabled for approval at the next scheduled meeting.

Guests: Chris Caras (Mascaro)

Hauler Report: (1) Tom D. mentioned that there were cardboard boxes that weren't picked up or marked with a violation at a couple of residents houses on the same street. Chris C. said that he would investigate this incident (2) Chris C. said that there were no pick-up issues of his knowledge for the past month. (3) Cindy O. mentioned that yard waste pick-up week is coming up. Chris C. said that the haulers were prepared with the appropriate truck signage.

Recycling Coordinator Report: (1) Cindy O. had nothing to report.

Community Days & Miscellaneous Discussions: (1) Tom G. discussed Community Day. (2) The electric lawn mower should be continued to be raffled as in the past. Cidy O. said that we should request the mower budget now. (3) We need more recycling stickers and Cindy O. mentioned informing the public of their purpose. (4) Tom G. mentioned that Matt's (Greenstar) display may have been misunderstood and that next year we should better define the recyclable material and what could be new product. (5) The ESC needs a portable container for the Community Days tent pieces and parts. Rob N. said he would see if he could acquire a "Toter" type container for this use. Cindy O. suggested using the one we use for public educational purposes. (6) Tom G. mentioned that we need more bungie-cords for the tent. John O. and Tom D. recommended ordering them directly from the manufacturer. Denise Veres confirmed this. (7) thanks and kudos were given to all od the participants and also Matt from Greenstar for his efforts. (8) Argumentative citizens were well handled by the participants. (9) A question of whether or not #6 plastic is accepted now and the answer is no. Cindy O. said it will be accepted as recyclable material in the future when the new contract is in fruition. (10) Tom D. suggested that the ESC start planning the Community Days event in January 2013.

Old Business: (1) Cindy O. offered a synopsis of the new hauling contract. Four (4) bids were submitted on time and are under review. The new contract will most likely be awarded in September of 2012. Bob L. mentioned it would probably be at the BOS meeting on the last Tuesday of September 2012. They should be public comment at the Aug. 28, 2012 BOS meeting. (2) Tom D. mentioned the HHW event at NCC on Oct. 6, 2012 and that he needs to secure volunteers. Tom D., John O., Chris B., Denise V. and Rob N. volunteered so far. Tom D. said he would get event shirts for participants. Members held a brief discussion of how Eycling and HHW volumes are growing annually. (3) Members discussed the Northampton County website could use some improvement regarding being user friendly. (4) Rob R. is researching water quality measures for Bob L. The Ordinance will need to be revised. (5) Rob R. mentioned letting grass grow high to ward off geese.

New Business: (1) Cindy O. requested receipt for Community Days purchases from applicable members.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: 7:52pm motion to adjourn meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Township Library conference room. *Minutes originally submitted by Chris Briglia September 11, 2012. Minutes revised October 24, 2012 and re-submitted.*