

Palmer Township ESC – Meeting Minutes

Environmental Steering Committee

September 25, 2013

Attendees: Chris Briglia, Terry Cooper, Tom Dittmar, Tom Ganssle, Bob Lammi, Cindy Oatis, John Olock, Rob Reese.

Meeting opened: approximately 7:05 PM

Approval Of Minutes: No discussion. Motion to approve August 28, 2013 ESC meeting minutes moved by Tom D.; seconded by Chris B. Approved unanimously.

Recycling Coordinator Report: (1) Budget process to evaluate an extra fall yard waste pick up. It's very inexpensive, received a \$6,000 quote for the extra pick up and the usual leaf waste pick up. Yard waste can also be taken to the new containers at Hartley Recycling Center. (2) Results of surveys taken at Mill Race and Victoria Square to offer smaller toters were not convincing enough to offer the option. (3) PA DEP 902 and 904 Grants are being completed and submitted to cover toter cost. Should be awarded by the end of the calendar year. 4) Ordinance needs to be processed for waste and recycling regulations. (5) Recycling tonnage is up 6% to 26% and revenue has averaged \$3,800 per month and waste tonnage is down 2,000 tons. (6) Do we want a PA Environmental Council membership for the ESC as a line item on the budget?

Discussion and Votes: (1) Rob R. mentioned there should be better recycling in Township Parks, possibly an ESC sub-committee. He's to talk to Scott Kistler. (2) Rob R mentioned to save meeting time, make sure committee reports are to members before the meetings. John O. motioned to approve; Tom D. seconded. Approved unanimously. (3) Tom D. reminded volunteers of the Household Hazardous Waste event on October 12, 7:30AM at Northampton Community College. (4) Chris B. will be acting liaison and attend local meetings of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC). The annual meeting is in March 2014. (5) Rob R. mentioned an article for the next newsletter about the new section of the bike path above Bushkill Park and bike path etiquette.

Meetings 2014: Meetings January–October 2014 will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Library Meeting Room, beginning at 7:00PM. The November 2014 meeting will be held on the third Wednesday, beginning at 7:00PM, in the Library Meeting Room. If the Library Meeting Room is not available, the ESC will meet in the Municipal Building. Rob R. motioned to accept the dates and time; Tom D. seconded. Passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 8:45PM Chris B. motions to adjourn meeting; seconded by Tom G. Approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Township Library conference room.

Minutes submitted by Terry Cooper October 23, 2013.