

## Palmer Township ESC – Meeting Minutes

**Environmental Steering Committee**

**September 26, 2012 (Rev. 11/8/12)**

**Attendees:** Rob Reese, Tom Ganssle, Chris Briglia, Tom Dittmar, Terry Cooper, John Balas, Rob Natkie, Bob Lammi

**Meeting opened:** Approximately 7:00 PM

**Approval Of Minutes:** August 22, 2012 minutes to be revised per Rob R. June and July 2012 minutes are held for approval.

**Guests:** Adam Klingenbeck (Mascaro)

**Hauler Report:** (1) Adam said that there was nothing to report. (2) Rob R. mentioned the tagging procedure for items not eligible for pick-up. When the items are tagged, customers do not know the reason. (3) Rob R. also mentioned seeing Mascaro taking electronics as trash and not tagging the items. (4) A brief discussion was held regarding the disposal of electronic items and the new laws concerning pick-up. (5) Adam also mentioned that Mascaro will not pick up un-certified items.

**Recycling Coordinator Report:** Cindy O. Absent.

**Old Business:** (1) Tom G. thanked all involved with the refuse contract renewal process.

**New Business:** (1) Bob L. mentioned Ordinance changes per DEP requirements regarding yard waste. The BOS voted to have the new Ordinance advertised. The advertisement will include the date that the Ordinance will be passed. (2) Tom G. stated that the Ordinance changes are all part of Act 101 and the requirements municipalities have to meet for a 902 grant. (3) There was a brief discussion regarding the waste disposal contract. Waste Management is the new Township contractor. (4) Tom D. mentioned the HHW drop on October 6, 2012 and that he needs volunteers. He said the Eycling event in Nazareth was a big success. He also mentioned that he expects approximately 1,500 vehicles at the Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> event. (5) Rob R. mentioned automobile parts stores to drop off used oil, batteries and other automotive chemicals. He also recommended that ESC members have business cards to be able to approach companies that may participate in accepting recyclable chemicals, paint, etc. The ESC could then develop a list of businesses that will accept the material for recycling. This effort would be proactive in disposing of household hazardous waste. (6) Bob L. was receptive to the business card idea and requested ideas from Rob R. regarding what information should be on the card and its design. He also mentioned that the ESC members should have business cards to officiate our membership when approaching the public.

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** 7:53pm motion to adjourn meeting.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Township Library conference room. *Minutes originally submitted by Chris Briglia October 24, 2012. Minutes revised and re-submitted on 11/8/12 by Chris Briglia.*