

## Palmer Township ESC – Meeting Minutes

**Environmental Steering Committee**

**October 22, 2014**

**Attendees:** Terry Cooper, Tom Dittmar, Tom Ganssle, John Marks, Nancy Nicholas, Cindy Oatis, and Rob Reese.

**Meeting opened:** approximately 7:10 PM

**Approval Of Minutes:** Motion to approve September 2014 minutes by Rob R; seconded by Nancy N.; passed unanimously.

**Recycling Coordinator Report:** (1) A PA DEP 902 Grant Award in the amount of \$250,000 was received by the Township for reimbursement of 7,200 recycling carts. (2) The quarterly recycling report, written in DEP format, was distributed. The format does not accurately show the improvement in less waste, more recycling for the 7,200 household residential units (20,700 residents). (3) Need to do more recycling education in the Easton Area School District and Cindy Oatis expressed the desire to work with other townships in this regard.

**Old Business:** (1) Household Hazardous Waste Event (October 11) 1,364 cars went through the line, although it rained, and collected 139,577 pounds of hazardous waste. There were 72 cars that just brought tires, totaling 12 tons of tires returned. Next year's HHW dates are May 30 and October 10. Northampton County may add electronics next year. (2) Tom Ganssle clarified Cindy Oatis' ongoing roll as liaison to Chris Christman, Township Manager, for this committee. The township manager reports to the board of supervisors regularly.

**New Business:** (1) Add recycling education in the Easton Area School District to 2015 YPA. (2) Recycling Markets Inc. has established a closed-loop fund for projects that build recycling. Cindy O. will investigate the option of submitting a grant/loan application under this program. Committee members to research other successful school district recycling programs and report back in January 2015. Motion to adopt by Rob R; seconded by John M.; passed unanimously. (3) Committee to consider revamping its organizational structure and request approval for same from the Township Manager. Commonwealth has EAC templates for ideas, but we are an ESC, not an EAC. (4) Next meeting is scheduled for November 26, the night before Thanksgiving. Decision made to cancel that meeting and Tom G. will notify Brenda of meeting cancellation. ESC meetings will take place on the fourth Wednesday of the month in 2015, with no meeting in December 2015. Terry C. motioned to accept calendar adoptions; Rob R. seconded the motion; passed unanimously. (5) Annual ESC Christmas Dinner will be at La Dolce Vita on December 10 at 6:00PM.

**Adjourn:** 8:42 PM Nancy N. motions to adjourn meeting; seconded by Tom D. Approved unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Township Library conference room.

*Minutes submitted by Terry Cooper and on January 28, 2014.*