

Palmer Township ESC – Meeting Minutes

Environmental Steering Committee

October 23, 2013

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

Meeting opened: approximately 7:00 PM

Approval Of Minutes: No discussion. Motion to approve September 25, 2013, ESC meeting minutes moved by Rob R; seconded by Tom D. Approved unanimously.

Recycling Coordinator Report: (1) Cindy O. reported that waste and recycling collection continues to improve. Township has received several positive comments on the cleaner streets and reduction of litter. Waste Management drivers are doing a good job and are now fixing any broken wheels themselves, resulting in faster repair time. Route manager now checks in daily at the municipal building before trucks leave the Township which allows them to address late-in-the-day issues better. Township received a only a couple of calls regarding resident concerns. (2) Recycling tonnage report given to R. Lammi for posting on the website. (3) Township is evaluating the possibility of taking bagged leaves at the recycling center. (4) Residents will be able to purchase additional trash service beginning November 1. This service provides an additional trash toter for a minimum of 5 years (possibly 8 years) for the flat fee of \$250 payable upfront. This equates to \$50 per year if the contract goes 5 years and \$31.25 if the contract goes 8 years. (5) The PA Environmental Council will be hosting a retreat type event where numerous environmental advisory councils will meet for the purpose of exchanging ideas and sharing experiences. Cindy O. felt that this would be a wonderful opportunity for our ESC to gain insight and ideas for new projects in 2014.

Discussion and Votes: (1) Tom D. reported that on October 9th, the Household Hazardous Waste event at NCC serviced 1,227 cars and collected 78,000 pounds of waste. Girls there collected more than \$1,000 dollars for breast cancer research. In 2014 there will be Spring and Fall Hazardous Waste collection at NCC and may expand to Air Conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, batteries, and propane tanks. (2) There will be medication recycling Saturday, October 26 from 10:00AM-2:00PM at Giant grocery store on 25th Street. Palmer Police Department will be assisting. (3) Chris B. brought up Pennsylvania Environmental Council. The grant contact at PEC is Janet Sweeney. (4) Rob R. mentioned there should be better recycling and litter control at Township parks.

Adjournment: 7:50PM Tom G. motions to adjourn meeting; seconded by Chris B. Approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Township Library conference room.

Minutes submitted by Terry Cooper November 20, 2013 (quorum not present). Minutes submitted by Terry Cooper on January 24, 2014 (meeting cancelled due to snow). Minutes submitted by Terry Cooper and approved March 26, 2014.