

**Palmer Township ESC – Meeting Minutes**  
**Environmental Steering Committee**  
**October 26, 2011**

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

**Meeting opened:** 7:03 PM

**Guests:** Mark Cesare and Chris Caras (Mascaro)

**Approval of Minutes:** September 28, 2011 minutes approved.

**Hauler Report:** (1) Mark Cesare briefly discussed the possibility of E-cycling dumpsters. (2) Mark Cesare discussed picking up yard waste on the week of Nov. 7, 2011.

**Recycling Coordinator Report:** (1) Cindy O. said the Corporate Sustainability Seminar went well. (2) Cindy O. mentioned that Tom Dittmar spoke at the seminar and that 125 – 150 people attended. (3) Cindy O. briefly discussed a question regarding budget reduction.

**Old Business:** (1) Tom D. mentioned that the HHW drop off program yielded good results and counted 1,123 vehicles. He thanked all participants and mentioned a goal of 2,000 vehicles next year. He also mentioned that next year the event is scheduled for October 6, 2012. (2) Tom D. said he is scheduling E-cycling events for next year and he anticipates doubling the volume of material. The Palmer Township event is tentatively scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. He is also considering a drop-off dumpster for the site. He stated that by 1/1/13, it will be illegal to put televisions in the trash. (3) Bob L. said that the presentation by the ESC to the BOS was very good. He said there is no consensus of preferences yet and the BOS needs to review costs of options. He mentioned that single stream is critical. He said the choice of toters for trash and recycling both is being determined. He felt that it would most likely be toters for trash first then perhaps for recycling at a later date. (4) The ESC thanks Chris Cristman for his involvement in the presentation. (5) Cindy O. questioned when program education should begin. Bob L. suggested that education begin now via newsletter and website. Cindy O. mentioned determining education options then presenting them to Chris Cristman. Tom G. mentioned the possibility of holding Township meetings for educational purposes. Rob R. suggested holding an education sub-committee meeting. He and Tom G. recommended holding the meeting prior to Thanksgiving perhaps on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Rob R. said he would take photographs for presentation and educational use. Cindy O. briefly discussed the Hauling Contract Presentation to the BOS. The Committee agreed that we should advertise for people to join us at the Jan. and Feb. 2012 ESC meetings and perhaps hold a multi-media presentation during the Mar. 2012 ESC meeting.

**Announcements:** (1) Rob R. mentioned the Nurture vs. Nature Center as a future potential group activity for the ESC and that it is open November 1, 2011. The hours of operation are from 4 – 7pm.

**Adjournment:** 8:22pm motion to adjourn meeting.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Township Library conference room.

Minutes submitted by Chris Briglia December 5, 2011.