Palmer Township – Environmental Steering Committee Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2015

<u>Attendees</u>: Ann Marie Panella (PBofS Liaison), Cindy Oatis (Recycling Coordinator), Tom Dittmar, Heath Ganssle, Tom Ganssle, Nancy Nicholas

Guests: None

Public Meeting opened at 7:02 PM at Palmer Public Library

"Meeting minutes" (May, July, Sept.): Not approved- no quorum

Recycling Coordinator's Report

- 1. Cindy O. reported on a collaborative effort organized by Deanne Werkheiser of Tatamy Borough, regarding a seven-community e-cycling event on April 16, 2016, from 9am 2pm, at Hope Lutheran Church.
- Tom D. expressed concern, that based on his experience with similar events in the past, this location would not be large enough for this event. Tom agreed to contact Deanne to discuss. Tom D. offered to contact Nazareth COG to ascertain if they will again help with advertisement.
- PESC members are encouraged to be involved as volunteers
- 2. Cindy discussed the possibility of Palmer hosting biannual E-cycling events in Palmer (Palmer residents only) once the new township facility is built on Hartley Avenue.

Old Business

- Oct. 10 HHW Collection at NCC Tom & Heath G. attended- ~ 1,100 cars & event ran smoothly
 - Discussion ensued of positives & negatives of event now run by Ken Zinis, Northampton County Environmental & Sustainability Community & Economic Development
 - ESC members encouraged to volunteer for biannual event even though ESC not directly involved

Community Weekend Plans

- 1.Tom G. opened a discussion of plans for August 2016. Do we have enough information, materials & resources to continue with the Bicycling/Bike Path Theme?
 - After speaking with Ed Dean concerning anything he might provide, Tom G. stated materials/recourses available for our booth display are minimal at best. Tom G. briefly presented a history of successes & lack of such for last 10 years
- It was decided for Tom G. to send out a vote email to all ESC members to ascertain the practicality/feasibility of continuing ESC involvement in *Palmer Days* annual event.
- **2. YPA** Due the possibility of PESC detachment from *Palmer Days* event for 2016, Tom G. presented our YPA of 2015 to discuss new endeavors for 2016. Suggestions from members: Latex Paint collection in Palmer

- Cindy O. reported that Ken Zinis, is actively recruiting municipalities to host a ReStore

latex

paint recycling event.

- Originally from R. Reese- Getting involved with local bicycle shops for child bicycle education, safety, registration event on the Sunday of community weekend.

New Business

- 1. Tom G. reported cancellation of November meeting due to meeting date falling day before Thanksgiving
- 2. Discussion of date, time, place for December Christmas dinner
- 3. Up-coming event Presentation at Lehigh Gap Nature Center, Nov. 8 at 3PM- Kittanny Monitoring Project

- Tom G.: Motion to adjourn, Tom D.: Second 8:30 PM

Next Meeting: Jan. 27, 7:00 PM – Palmer Library

Minutes submitted by: Tom Ganssle