

PALMER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

August 22, 2018, 6:30 PM

Minutes

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** - The chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. In attendance were members Tom Dittmar, Rob Reese, Madison Smith, and Ken Starace. Also present was Bridget Salantri, guest.
2. **MEETING MINUTES** — A motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 25, 2018, was made by Reese, seconded by Dittmar, and approved by all.
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Resident Tom Ganssle contacted Starace regarding the Berks Street Yard Waste Center and his concern regarding contamination such as tires and miscellaneous debris. He indicated he believes that persons/businesses are entering after hours and dumping. This issue was tabled to the next meeting since Cindy Oatis was not in attendance.
 - B. Reese expressed concern regarding the residential requirements to drop off materials at the township recycling center. This issue was tabled to the next meeting since Cindy Oatis was not in attendance.
 - C. Reese expressed concern regarding tires and the scrap metal bin at the township recycling center. This issue was tabled to the next meeting since Cindy Oatis was not in attendance.
 - D. Reese expressed concern regarding recycling information in the recent newsletter. This issue was tabled to the next meeting since Cindy Oatis was not in attendance.
 - E. Starace raised questions about passive vs. active recreation definitions and indicated he believes the commonly used planning definition wording is odd and causes confusion.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion regarding the research and details of the upcoming atrazine presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Salantri continues to focus on compiling information and data. Reese will obtain additional information from Bushkill Conservancy and Lafayette about testing times and locations, etc.
 - B. Budget - Starace requested the committee consider adding a plant exchange. He will obtain additional information, and consider possible locations and dates. A motion was made by Starace, seconded by Dittmar and approved by all to host this event in 2019.
5. **UPDATES/REPORTS**
 - A. MS4 Education – Smith indicated she has been continuing to learn more about the MS4 laws and requirements and is working with Jason Smith of Hanover Engineering. She expressed concern regarding the problem created by lawn clippings being blown into the street and the subsequent result when they make their way into our streams and rivers.
6. **NEXT MEETING:** September 26, 2018
7. **ADJOURNMENT** – Dittmar made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Starace and approved by all.