

**PALMER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 25, 2017, 7:00 PM**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tom Dittmar, Cindy Oatis, Ann-Marie Panella, Rob Reese, and Ken Starace

**GUESTS:** Theodore Aguilar and Mia Gaeta

Cindy Oatis called the meeting to order at 7:10pm at Palmer Public Library

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Motion was made by Dittmar, seconded by Reese, and approved by all to approve the Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2017.

**2. GUEST SPEAKER** - Serena Davis, Environmental Services Coordinator, Northampton County did not attend.

**3. OLD BUSINESS** - None

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Dittmar, Reese and Starace and 6 residents are requesting assistance in removing 20 – 30 tires from the Lehigh River between Riverside Park and the Bethlehem Township border on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as follows:
  - i. Permission from the Township to be on the adjacent trail with a quad, motor vehicle, or tractor in order to extract the tires and bring them up to the area of Riverside Park.
  - ii. The group has arranged for the recycling of these tires at no cost, but in order to do so the tires must be cleaned and free of any mud and dirt. They are requesting the cleaning assistance from Chris Scarko, Park Superintendent, Hugh Moore Park, or, if necessary, from Palmer Public Works or Fire Department. Reese will advise.

**5. REPORTS**

- A. Recycling Report – Oatis
  - i. Easton Area School District (EASD) - Chrin has agreed to accept shredded paper, #6 recyclables (no Styrofoam), and cartons from the EASD recycling program. Oatis and Nicholas met with the PTA to finalize educational materials and numbers; graphic artist and printer will create and print educational posters for all schools.
  - ii. Green Guide – As a result of several changes within the committee, the Green Guide as previously planned, will be implemented in a more condensed and simplified manner and will be incorporated into the new Recycling and ESC pages on the website
- B. Storm Water Report – Reese
  - i. Spoke with T. Adams seeking approval to integrate storm water initiatives into the Township best practices. Reese will provide the list of items discussed to the committee.
  - ii. Attended Comprehensive Plan Meeting – A.J. has incorporated storm water references into the plan and Reese is reviewing same. The Plan recommends storm water ordinance review and is currently under review by the Board of Supervisors and available for review by the public.

**6. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- A. *Climate Drivers and EcoSystem Change* – Farinon Student Center, Lafayette College, Tuesday, December 5, 2017 from 7 to 9pm; seeking judges; email to follow
- B. *Path to 50% Food Waste Reduction Workshop* – Lafayette College, November 2, 2017; Starace and Oatis will be attending

**7. NEXT MEETING:** January 24, 2018, Reorganization Meeting, 7pm, at the Palmer Library.

**8. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn made by Starace, seconded by Dittmar, and approved by all.