



**Warrington Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting
January 5, 2011**

- 1. Call To Order, Pledge Of Allegiance:** Fred Suffian, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. Present were: Douglas Skinner, Planning Commission, Liaison; Adele Weremeychik, Member; Nick Weremeychik, Member; Fred Suffian, Chairman; Todd Baratz, Secretary; Lynn Laurelli, Member; Carl Sames, Public Works, Liaison; and Carol Hanel, Parks and Recreation Liaison.

Mr. Suffian led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- 3. Approval of Minutes for December, 2010:**

A number of misspelled items on the minutes were noted. On motion by Mr. Baratz, seconded by Mr. Skinner, the Minutes of the December, 2010 meeting were approved as amended with corrected spellings.

- 4. Old Business:**

Nomination of Officers: A motion was made by Mr. Weremeychik and seconded by Ms. Weremeychik that Mr. Suffian continues as chairman. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Skinner and seconded by Ms. Weremeychik that Ms. Ross continues as Vice Chairman. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Ms. Laurelli and seconded by Mr. Skinner that Mr. Baratz continues as secretary. All were in favor.

Approved Budget for 2011: It was stated by Ms. Hanel that the total EAC budget for 2011 is \$9,600.

It was discussed that the price of rain barrels will need to increase to cover the increase in price of the parts used to create the barrels as the EAC no longer has enough money to subsidize the barrels.

Mr. Suffian requested information regarding Ms. Ross's total salary for the 2010 calendar year. Ms. Hanel will provide the information to Mr. Suffian.

Priorities for 2011: Ms. Laurelli suggested that we should be looking at controlling the effects of storm water runoff through planting trees and changing ground cover, away from grasses that need to be mowed.

Mr. Skinner stated that for public lands we should make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. However, only recommendations can be made to property owned by individuals.

Ms. Hanel stated that Parks and Recreation would also like to start a composting program, referring to the EAC's priority listing from the December 2010 minutes. It is the intention of the EAC to explore possible grant opportunities in order to start a composting program.

Mr. Skinner remarked that the EAC should take the lead on priorities 1, 3, and 4 (from the December 2010 minutes). He also suggested that priorities 3 and 4 (from the December 2010 minutes) should be renamed to "Develop taskforce for good management practices for dealing with invasive species, buffer zones, composting, and develop education for public and directly owned property".

Mr. Suffian suggested continuing the tree inventory program.

The group agreed that the EAC will continue to support Earth Day and Warrington Day.

Mr. Skinner stated that the implementation and use of pervious pavement for as many new developments as possible within the township is already being done, and therefore, was not needed as a priority for the EAC.

Mr. Weremeychik suggested adding "look for grants" as a priority for 2011.

Equipment Purchases: Mr. Suffian reported that Ms. Ross stated that all purchases have been made.

Computer Recycling Event: EAC members scheduled to work at the Code Enforcement building on Saturday 01/15/2011 are:

Mr. Baratz – 12:00 – 2:00pm

Mr. and Ms. Weremeychik – 10:00am – 2:00pm

Mr. Suffian – 10:00am – 2:00pm

Ms. Laurelli – 10:00am – 2:00pm

Ms. Hanel stated that Rick Lesniak would be the person to contact regarding access to the building for Saturday's event. Mr. Suffian stated that he would have Ms. Ross contact Mr. Lesniak.

It was suggested that Susquehanna Association for the Blind be contacted to ensure that they could handle a large pickup or could make two pickups. It was also suggested that the pickup date be confirmed for Tuesday 01/18/2011 since Monday 01/17/2011 is the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and the building will be closed.

Tree Ordinance: Mr. Skinner commented that he had received comments regarding the proposed update of the tree ordinance from several EAC members and has passed the information on for review.

Ms. Laurelli stated that the ordinance should use only scientific names and not common names.

Mr. Skinner asked if any of the members would be willing to assist the Planning Commission with identifying the appropriate names to use.

Earth Day 2011: Mr. Suffian stated that Earth Day 2011 will be held on Saturday April 23rd.

Ms. Hanel stated that articles for The Link were due by Friday February 18th.

Mr. Suffian stated that the EAC should begin the process of soliciting donations for this year's event. He also stated that Ms. Ross should have all of the donation information.

It was agreed that the list of activities for this year's event will be as follows:

- a. Pond stabilization at Twin Oaks
- b. Rain garden and butterfly garden maintenance
- c. Rain barrels
- d. Storm drain labeling

5. Future Agenda Items: Mr. Suffian suggested that the EAC should review the invasive species ordinance at the next meeting.

6. Adjourn: Mr. Baratz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weremeychik. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Baratz
EAC Secretary