



**Warrington Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting
April 7, 2010**

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

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

- 2. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

- 3. Approval of Minutes for March 3, 2010:**

On motion by Mr. Baratz, seconded by Mr. Skinner, the Minutes of the March 3, 2010 meeting were approved.

- 4. Old Business:**

Summer Intern - Mr. Suffian asked if everyone received the information about the Summer Intern positions. Mr. Baratz made a motion to go forth with the positions. Mr. Skinner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Suffian will proceed.

- 5. Earth Day**

Volunteers - Ms. Ross explained that as of now, we have approximately 90 volunteers who have signed up to participate in Earth Day. Ms. Ross will schedule specific tasks to groups prior to Earth Day and send e-mails with these requests.

Clean Energy Campaign- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at the Township building at 9:00 AM on April 24, 2010. Panera Bread is donating bagels and cream cheese and coffee for 50 people for the event. Mr. Baratz offered to pick up the food from Panera on Saturday morning at 8:30 AM.

- Ms. Ross explained that Mr. Voorhees had left Smart Power in January and did not notify us. She is working with another gentleman there who has promised the sign will be done for Earth Day. Ms. Ross is also working with someone in the communications department regarding a press release.

- b. Ms. Weremeychik created a sign similar to the one she saw at the Peace Valley Nature Center to hang in the Township building. This sign provides information on the readings coming from the box in the lobby. That will also be hung for Earth Day.
- c. The food will be served in the large meeting room. Ms. Kiefer and Mr. Suffian will speak at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Earth Garden: Ms. Ross explained how she and the Weremeychiks' prepared the Earth Garden over the last several weeks. The shape of the garden was laid out with a garden hose. Then, wet newspapers were laid on top of the grass and about 70-90 bags of coffee grounds were spread on top. This will prepare the bed on Earth Day for planting.

- a. Ms. Ross has solicited donations for perennials from many nurseries. If we do not get the donations needed, she explained that we may need to purchase some materials and plants for the garden.
- b. Mr. Baratz made a motion that we spend up to \$1,600.00 for all Earth Day materials we may need including the Earth Garden. Mr. Skinner seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- c. Ms. Lauelli offered to solicit plant donations from Delaware Valley College. Ms. Ross will send her a species list. Ms. Lauelli will pick up any plant donations they give.
- d. Ms. Ross will make a second contact with Geerlings to find out about donations.

Rain Barrel Assembly: Mr. Weremeychik inventoried all the rain barrel supplies before he went on vacation. He said that there are enough supplies to build 40 rain barrels. The EAC currently has 25 barrels.

- a. The group agreed that 25 barrels will be enough to construct on Earth Day.
- b. Ms. Ross ordered twenty-five 3" diverters. There are enough 4" diverters in the Turk Road garage.
- c. Ms. Weremeychik made a sign for the Township Building explaining our Rain Barrel program.
- d. Mr. Weremeychik will work with the volunteers on Earth Day building the rain barrels.

Flower Planting: The Daisy and Brownie troops will do the flower planting in the same locations as last year. Ms. Weremeychik will be in charge of the flower planting.

- a. Ms. Ross reported that there are enough gloves, hand trowels and fertilizer left over from last year. We also have enough watering cans.

Rain Garden Maintenance: Ms. Ross discussed that the German Honor Society teacher, Mr., Robert Obenger, inquired about one of his students doing a senior project for the EAC. Because Fred Achenbach's grandson decided to take on another project, we offered this young man maintenance of the Rain Garden as his senior project. Mr. Suffian and Ms. Ross met with this student, Joe Venango, at the rain garden and explained to him what needed to be done. He will begin maintenance on Earth Day and continue thru the summer.

- a. Mr. Sames will have the weeds sprayed one week before Earth Day.

Detention Basin Planting: Mr. Sames explained that all of the equipment is scheduled and he has spoken with Landstudies about completing the grading at the Township building. If time allows, and the weather holds out, they will also complete the grading at the Guinea Road Basin. The plant materials are scheduled to be delivered on April 21, 2010.

- a. If the basin at the Township building is planted on Earth Day, the interpretative sign can also be installed. The sign is in the Turk Road garage.

Storm Drain Labeling: Mr. Suffian has assigned his vista's to put together packages for storm drain labeling. He feels that this should be one of our priority activities, as we did not get a lot of storm drains labeled last year. Ms. Ross will assign groups to label the drains prior to Earth Day.

Park Clean Up: Ms. Ross suggested that if we have a lot of volunteers this year, we can have some of them clean up the park like they did last year. Ms. Ross said that we need more gloves and trash bags. Mr. Skinner offered to go to Lowe's and pick them up. Mr. Sames had suggested that we purchase latex free gloves for the trash pick up.

Miscellaneous Items: Ms. Lauelli offered to pick up the popcorn from the Regal Cinema on Friday afternoon. She will also bring her crock pot.

- a. Mr. Skinner offered to pick up the Chick Filet order and the WAWA drinks and ice on his way from the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to Twin Oaks.
- b. Mr. Sames mentioned that we should buy printer ink for Jackie, at Code Enforcement, if she is printing a lot of things for the EAC.

5. Adjourn- There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Baratz, seconded by Mr. Richino.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivy Ross
EAC Vice Chairman