



**Warrington Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting
May 5, 2010**

- 1. Call To Order, Pledge Of Allegiance:** Fred Suffian, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM. Present were: Ivy Ross, Vice-Chairman; Douglas Skinner, Planning Commission, Liaison; Adele Weremeychik, Member; Nick Weremeychik, 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 April 7, 2010:**

On motion by Mr. Richino, seconded by Mr. Skinner, the Minutes of the April 7, 2010 meeting were approved.

- 4. Old Business:**

- a. Wrap Up of Earth Day**

Detention Basins: Mr. Suffian explained that the Warwick Basin was completed on Earth Day, however, there were some drainage problems. The water is ponding and not draining within the specified 48 hour period. It was harder to plant in the basin than it should have been because it should have had 8 inches of fill material as opposed to the 2 or 3 inches that Land Studies provided. Mr. Suffian will follow up.

The same problem is occurring at the Township Basin. The water is sitting in the basin for long periods of time with out draining. Land Studies will be doing an As Built Survey to check elevations. They will also be auguring 12" deep holes in the ponded areas to see if the water will drain. Land Studies has said that they feel that the equipment used by the Township compacted the soils and this is why the basin is not draining properly. Mr. Suffian does not agree with this and will continue to work with them until the issue is resolved.

Some of the plants still need to be planted at the Township building. Mr. Sames will be watering them until they can be planted.

Earth Garden: Ms. Ross explained that the Earth Garden will initially be maintained by the Girl Scouts and Joe Venango from Central Bucks South, for Community Service hours.

Rain Barrel Assembly: Mr. Weremeychik explained that 13 rain barrels were constructed at Earth Day. Three of these barrels were sold. Sharon, from the Township Staff, also wants two barrels. All sales of Rain Barrels will go thru Ms. Ross and she will coordinate this with Mr. Sames.

Mr. Sames said that he does not know where the barrels will be stored once the buildings are cleaned out for the camp.

Rain Garden Maintenance: Ms. Ross discussed that Joe Venango, a Central Bucks South student, began maintenance of the Rain Garden on Earth Day and will continue thru the summer. Mr. Venango will need to put 40 hours of maintenance into the Rain Garden in order to complete his Senior Project.

Community Service Letters: Ms. Ross will be preparing Letters of Community Service for those who participated in Earth Day. The group agreed that we would give four hours of Community Service.

Thank You Letters: Ms. Ross will be preparing “Thank You” letters for all of the businesses that contributed to Earth Day.

Thank You Posters: Ms. Weremeychik has agreed to prepare the “Thank You” posters for all of the contributors who donated at least \$75.00 towards our Earth Day event. Ms. Ross will provide her with a list of those contributors. Ms. Ross will also contact the High Schools in order to find out the rules regarding pictures of the students and what we can use.

5. Recognition Ceremony: Mr. Suffian suggested that we have our Earth Day Recognition Ceremony in November because Warrington Day will take place in September. This will give us more time to prepare. The group agreed.

6. Adopt -A -Road: Mr. Sames asked Ms. Ross to find out from the people conducting an Adopt-A-Road clean up how many people will be working. This way Mr. Sames can provide the appropriate number of gloves and grabbers. It is also important to know if and where they will be leaving the trash bags when they are finished their collection. Mr. Sames also feels that the EAC should provide both the plastic and cloth gloves to those doing the clean up. He said that we do not need to order any more signs; however, we need more trash grabbers, gloves and trash bags. Mr. Sames will take care of purchasing this equipment.

Ms. Weremeychik made a motion that we spend up to \$300.00 on this equipment. Mr. Skinner seconded the motion. All were in favor.

7. Storage Box Purchases and Garage Clean Up: Mr. Sames told the group that he feels it would be a good idea to purchase plastic storage boxes and organize all of our equipment in the Turk Road garage. Mr. Suffian suggested that Ms. Ross compose a letter to Lowes, asking for a donation. This letter will state that the Warrington Township Environmental Advisory Council would like to ask for a donation of various supplies in support of the Township's Warrington and Earth Day events. Mr. Weremeychik also suggested that we make a motion to spend up to \$300.00 on this equipment. This would cover our expenses if Lowes chooses not to make the donation. Ms. Weremeychik seconded the motion. All were in favor.

8. Growing Greener Grant Update: Mr. Suffian told Mr. Sames that we need to stabilize the soil that has been hauled to Nike Park. We also need to hydro seed and place silt fencing.

Mr. Sames suggested that Mr. Suffian speak to Mr. Tippermann about testing the soil that was transported to Nike Park.

Mr. Suffian asked Mr. Sames to get all of the recent billing together so that we know how much money is left in the grant. We will also need to submit this information as part of the final Growing Greener Report.

9. Disney and Friends Grant Update: Mr. Suffian explained that the Americore Vista's took care of all of the letters and completed all of the report information for the grant. Diverters were purchased using \$200.00 of the \$420.00 grant award.

5. Adjourn- There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Richino, seconded by Ms. Weremeychik.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivy Ross
EAC Vice Chairman