

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES TO AUGUST 6, 2008 MEETING

The meeting started at 7:34 PM followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Those in attendance were the following EAC members: Todd Baratz, Becky Kiefer, Fred Suffian, Dave Weaver and Nick and Adele Weremeychik. Also in attendance was Paul Gdanski, Director of Public Works and Barbara Livrone, Recording Secretary for the WTEAC. A member of the public, Lynn Laurelli was also in attendance.

Public Comment

Ms. Laurelli attended the July meeting and found it informative.

Approval of the June 4, 2008 Minutes

Minutes from the June 4, 2008 meeting were approved as amended by Mr. Baratz and seconded by Mrs. Weremeychik. All were in favor.

Approval of the July 2, 2008 Minutes

Minutes from the July 2, 2008 meeting were approved by Mr. Baratz and seconded by Mr. Weremeychik. All were in favor.

Healthy Yard Mailing Update

Mr. Suffian reported thirty six (36) questionnaires have been returned, 3-4 healthy yard signups and 4-5 rain barrel signups from the Little Neshaminy targeted area. Mrs. Kiefer suggested to a door-to-door survey to obtain more responses.

WREN Grant Update

Mr. Suffian stated there are three (3) to four (4) projects within the grant. One of the components is to install twenty five (25) rain barrels, complete twenty five (25) healthy yard evaluations and cooperate with Heritage Conservancy to host a follow up meeting with the Little Neshaminy Conservation Plan. The meeting will be held at the Bux Mont Fellowship Church. The detention basin at the church will be naturalized.

One of the members of the church is going to make a table top 3-dimensional model of the detention basin. If completed by September 13th, the model will be on display at Warrington Day.

The completion date for the WREN grant is June 2009.

Mr. Weaver requested a brochure of the above so that the members are better informed to explain the projects.

It was suggested to assemble rain barrels at Warrington Day and to obtain a second booth at Warrington Day for a workshop area.

If the resident receives a healthy yard evaluation and/or a rain barrel, they will receive a sign to display on their lawn for approximately two weeks. The sign will have the township logo with the Healthy Environment Initiative “It Starts Here.”

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mrs. Weremeychik to spend two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for signs. All were in favor. This expenditure would come from the grant.

Growing Greener Grant Update

Mr. Suffian and Mr. Gdanski dug two test pits and conducted infiltration tests at the township building’s detention basin. Dr. Toren from Temple University installed the HOBO pressure locaters. They record barometric pressure and through calculation determine water flow. The data will be compiled through October 2008.

There are three potential detention basins at Warwick and Guinea Lane to be monitored.

Adopt-A-Road Program Update

Pickertown to Lower State has been adopted by the Warrington Rotary Club. Folly Road has been adopted from Bristol to County Line Roads by Karaoke and Beyond and Lamplighter Village Condo Assn. Kansas Road has been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Buss. Stuckert Road from Bristol to Warwick Roads has been adopted by Team Ox Cycling Club.

Adopt-A-Road sign with the attached sign “Put your Name here” has been purchased and will be on display for Warrington Day to advertise the program.

Clean Energy Outreach Plan Update

Mr. Suffian spoke to a new contact person at SmartPower, Andrew Voris, email address: avoris@smartpower.org. Mr. Voris is not aware of any new clean energy signups. It was suggested that each council member speak to churches, community groups and businesses. Also, attending the Business Alliance meetings and profiling the businesses who help the township become a clean energy community.

Stream Signs

The naming of streams will be made part of an exhibit for Warrington Day. The unnamed streams will be numbered on a map. There will be an application form for the

person to complete. The EAC will decide upon the selection. The named stream selections will be sent to the USGS for approval.

Green House Gas Inventory Grant

Mr. Gdanski reported that he and Mr. Suffian met with CMX Engineering Corp to help with the application for the Green House Gas Inventory Grant from DEP. This is to inventory all municipal sources of green house gas from automobile use, electric usage, and building usage. With this information, an action plan will be created on how to reduce this green house gas. There is \$300,000 available state wide. Each applicant would receive no more than \$20,000. The \$20,000 would be used for the energy audit. There is no required match from the township. The deadline for the application to DEP is August 29, 2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver to pay CMX Engineering Corp not to exceed seven hundred dollars (\$700) to prepare the scope of work and assist with the grant application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baratz. All were in favor.

Warrington Day – September 13, 2008 (Rain Date: September 14, 2008)

In lieu of the terrarium bottles that were discussed at the July meeting, the council is going to borrow a 6x8 pre-formed pond and create a rain garden. Heritage Conservancy will donate the plants and at the end of Warrington Day, the plants will be raffled off.

In addition, the Adopt-a-Road sign, the stream map and clean energy program will be on display.

A motion was made by Mr. Baratz to spend eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) to purchase five hundred (500) “Green” give away supermarket shopping bags. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Other Business - None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Suffian to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 9:45 PM.