



**Warrington Township  
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting  
July 1, 2009**

**1. Call To Order, Pledge Of Allegiance:** Mr. Suffian called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Present were: Fred Suffian, Chairman; Ivy Ross, Vice-Chair; Todd Baratz, Secretary; David Weaver, Park and Recreation Board Liaison; Nicholas Weremeychik, Adele Weremeychik, Lynn Lauelli, Douglas Skinner, Planning Commission Liaison. Also present was Township Supervisor Rebecca Kiefer. Staff present was Carolyn Hanel, Director of Administrative Services and Gay Currie, Communications Coordinator.

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

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

**3. Approval of Minutes for June 3, 2009:** There was one correction to the June 3, 2009 minutes.

\* Item #5 (a) - All those present endorsed appointment of Ivy Ross as a paid staff member for the EAC, commenting that they had "complete (not completed) faith" in her skills and abilities.

On motion by Mr. Baratz, seconded by Mr. Weremeychik, the corrected Minutes of the June 3, 2009 meeting were approved.

**4. Presentation of New EAC Member:** Mr. Suffian introduced and welcomed Mr. Doug Skinner as a new member of the EAC. Mr. Skinner is our new Liaison from the Planning Commission, replacing Mr. Fraser Wall.

**5. Communications:** Ms. Hanel introduced Ms. Gay Currie, Communications Coordinator for Warrington Township. Ms. Currie discussed that the township newsletter, The Link, increased in size this summer due to the amount of subject information handed in from each department within the township. The Link is posted on the Warrington Township website and is on the Warrington Township TV channel. Ms. Currie will e-mail Ms. Ross deadlines for all articles the EAC may wish to place in The Link. Ms. Currie explained that The Link will provide abbreviated information about events and happenings in the township. More in depth information is available on the Warrington Township website.

Ms. Kiefer would like to see longer articles placed in The Link if the subject matter is important to the township. Ms. Weremeychik inquired as to whether council meetings could be advertised

in The Link. Ms. Currie responded that this would be done in the December issue so that everyone is aware of the yearly schedule for all council meetings.

## **6. Old Business:**

**a. Earth Day Poster:** Mr. Suffian inquired whether the final collage poster for Earth Day was complete. Ms. Weremeychik reported that she was not happy with the clarity of the poster done in Print Shop and will be redoing it in Adobe.

**b. Clean Energy Campaign:** Ms. Ross, Mr. and Ms. Weremeychik, and Ms. Hanel met with Mr. Andrew Voris of Smart Power, Mr. Judd Webster, President of Solardelphia, and two Solardelphia Engineering Interns to discuss the location of the solar panel Warrington Township will receive through the Clean Energy Campaign. Ms. Ross explained that three sites were visited during this field survey. The sites included the Warrington Township Building, the firehouse on Route 611 and Freedoms Way, and the Snack Stand in IPW Park. In the opinion of the EAC members present, the optimal site would be the Warrington Township Building. Mr. Voris and Mr. Webster asked that Titus Elementary School also be considered as a location for the solar panel site. It was the unanimous decision of the EAC that the Warrington Township building be the site for installation of the solar panel. Ms. Ross will talk to Mr. Voris and discuss the EAC's decision. Ms. Hanel will check on necessary permits and whether the roof can hold the weight of the solar panels.

**c. Rain Barrels:** Ms. Ross explained that all of the rain barrels stored in the Water and Sewer Building will be distributed in the next few weeks. Three of the people who signed up for the free rain barrels will be picking them up and the other four will be sold to interested residents at \$25 each. As additional units are assembled they will be sold to those on the waiting list.

Mr. Suffian said that Mr. David Robbins from Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission donated 40 barrels which Carl picked up and took to Twin Oaks. However, it was found that organic pesticides used for gypsy moth spraying were housed in these barrels. Therefore, they are considered contaminated and can not be used for other purposes. Mr. Suffian enumerated three ways to get rid of these barrels.

1. Return the barrels to Monmouth County
2. Triple rinse them and cut them up and dispose of them in a landfill
3. Throw them out

It was Mr. Baratz's opinion that we ask Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission to pick them up and take them back. Mr. Suffian will contact them and ask them to do so. If they won't pick them up, Carl will return them.

Ms. Hanel recommended contacting Don's Car Wash on Street Road to see if they would donate barrels. Mr. and Ms. Weremeychik will also contact Chris Slabowski for barrel donations. Whatever barrels are donated will be assembled as part of the Warrington Day Event.

**d. WREN Grant Report Update:** Mr. Weremeychik advised the EAC that the due date for the final WREN Grant Report is July 15. This information was obtained at the WREN Grant meeting that the Weremeychik's attended. Ms. Ross will work along with Ms. Liviorne and Mr. and Ms. Weremeychik to complete the final grant report.

Mr. and Ms. Weremeychik also brought back a wealth of educational materials from the WREN Grant meeting to be handed out at Warrington Day.

**e. Stream Name Selection:** Mr. Baratz was looking for a website to give him guidance in order to submit requests for official naming of streams. He has been unable to find the appropriate information. Mr. Suffian will investigate possible websites for Mr. Baratz and forward him the information. The EAC would also like to get a map to illustrate these streams, which will be displayed at Warrington Day. The EAC will also investigate how to "Adopt a Stream" as part of a school educational program, to promote in the coming school year.

## **7. New Business:**

**a. EAC Intern:** Mr. Suffian announced that he hired an intern with an agricultural and horticultural background. This intern will start work on July 13 and it is agreed that he will be paid hourly. Mr. Suffian will write up a scope of work for his contract.

**b. Warrington Day:** It was agreed that a solar panel display will be part of the EAC's Warrington Day display. Ms. Ross will talk to Mr. Voris about obtaining such a display from Solardelphia. The EAC will also be assembling rain barrels.

**c. Board of Supervisors Goals and Objectives:** The EAC will consider developing a map of environmentally sensitive areas within the Township. This map will help the township determine where to avoid heavy salting during ice and snow events. Alternative action, such as using brine will reduce the impacts of salt on natural areas. Mr. Weremeychik suggested that areas known to have heavy flooding also be identified for the same reason.

This mapping will also identify Riparian buffers and wetlands. Ms. Ross suggested that the township consider increasing the buffer zones in areas where high quality wetlands exist (as defined by the Army Corps of Engineers). This will minimize adverse impacts to the resources. It was pointed out there are currently no Federal Mandates for Riparian Buffers.

**8. Adjourn-** There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Baratz, seconded by Mr. Skinner.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ivy Ross  
EAC Vice Chairman