



**Warrington Township  
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting  
October 7, 2009**

**1. Call To Order, Pledge Of Allegiance:** Mr. Suffian called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Present were: Ms. Ivy Ross, Vice-Chair; Mr. Todd Baratz, Secretary; Mr. Nicholas Weremeychik, Member; Ms. Adele Weremeychik, Member; Ms. Lynn Laurelli, Member; Mr. Doug Skinner, Planning Commission Liaison; Mr. Carl Sames, Public Works Liaison; Ms. Becky Kiefer; Board of Supervisors, Liaison. .

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

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

**3. Approval of Minutes for August 5, 2009:**

1. Mr. Bratz pointed out that he was not at the October meeting. His name will be removed from the list of attendees.
2. Ms. Kiefer noted that her name was spelled incorrectly.
3. Under Approval of Minutes, the word minutes were spelled incorrectly.
4. Mr. Weremeychick's name was misspelled under 7. Adjourn.

Ms. Ross will make the appropriate corrections.

On motion by Mr. Weremeychik, seconded by Ms. Weremeychik, the Minutes of the September 2, 2009 meeting were approved.

**4. Old Business:**

**a. Wrap Up of Warrington Day:** The group all agreed that Warrington Day went very well. Ms. Kiefer felt the event was well attended, however, was surprised that only one in five people appeared to be from Warrington Township. From her conversations with attendees, she discovered that there were a significant amount of people from Warminster, Horsham, Southampton and Montgomeryville Townships.

Mr. Suffian felt that the location of our tent was good, but we may have had more people visit if we were on the main street. We handed out all of our give aways within the first few hours and should probably have more for next year. People did not take as many of the pamphlets as they have in the past, so we have a lot left over for Earth Day. The group felt it may be helpful to walk thru the crowd handing out information next year.

**b. Rain Barrel Assembly:** Mr. Sames asked the group if they would like to set up the rain barrel display in the foyer of the Township building. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea. Mr. Sames recommended that we wait until after the Holidays to set up the display. Mr. Suffian questioned the group as to whether they want to put the rain barrel brochures along with the display. Everyone discussed the feasibility of putting a phone number on the brochures. Mr. Suffian felt that it would be better to have a voice mail system where people could call and leave a message expressing their interest in rain barrels. Ms. Ross could then get back to them. Mr. Suffian will investigate. Mr. Sames will also look into getting a voice mail through the Township.

Mr. Weremeychik explained that he and Ms. Ross went through the garage at Water and Sewer and cleaned up and rearranged the EAC materials. He took an inventory of rain barrel parts and will send it out to the group. It appears that with the exception of 3" diverters, we have enough materials to put together 15-20 rain barrels. Mr. Suffian thought it would be a good idea to get another 10 barrels so that we will have 30 for Earth Day. The group agreed. Mr. Suffian will contact Coke a Cola to see if they will donate the barrels. Mr. Sames said that there may be room to store our barrels at the new Fire House building in the future.

**c. Growing Greener Grant Update:** Mr. Suffian asked Mr. Sames where we are with the construction work for the basins. Mr. Sames explained that he is getting a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quote on the work and will hopefully be able to schedule some of the work next week. Mr. Sames explained because of the weather constraints it was not possible to work on these basins during the spring and summer. This fall, to date, has also been very wet. Mr. Suffian was not certain if the grant expired in December 2009 or June 2010. Ms. Ross will investigate. If the grant expires in December, she will request an extension.

**d. Clean Energy Campaign:** The members looked at the box installed by Solardelphia in the lobby and the other equipment in the large meeting room. Mr. Bratz suggested our ribbon cutting ceremony take place before the Board of Supervisors Meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Weremeychik suggested that we put a poster together with pictures and a description of the solar system. She volunteered to make this poster after all the information is acquired for it. Ms. Ross will contact Mr. Vorhes concerning the ribbon cutting.

## **6. New Business:**

**a. Budget for 2010:** Ms. Ross distributed copies of the 2010 budget that she and Mr. Suffian gave to the township. The EAC accepted the submitted budget.

**B. Recognition Ceremony for Earth Day:** The members discussed the certificates for the contributors of Earth Day. Mr. Bratz felt that the certificate folders are not a necessary expense. All agreed that we purchase manila envelopes to put the certificates

in. Mr. Bratz made a motion that we do not spend more than \$200.00 on the Recognition Ceremony. Ms. Weremeychik seconded the motion. All were in favor. The items to purchase include food, cookies, donuts, chips, soda, certificates and envelopes. Ms. Ross will take care of purchasing these items and preparing the certificates. Mr. and Ms. Weremeychik will bring the "Thank You" posters. Ms. Ross will send out the letters to those invited to the ceremony. Mr. Suffian said he will not be able to attend the meeting. Ms. Ross will run the ceremony.

**c. Bucks Beautiful Garden Show:** Mr. Suffian felt that this event was a lot of work with not a lot of return for the EAC. It does not address the Warrington community. A vote was taken and everyone agreed that we would not attend the event this year.

Ms. Ross told the group that the first weekend in May, which we had we had previously chosen for Earth Day 2010 was the weekend of most Holy Communion. Mr. Bratz made a motion that we move Earth Day back to April 24, 2010. Ms. Weremeychik seconded the motion. All approved the motion.

**d. Fall Harvest Festival:** Mr. Suffian proposed that the EAC not attend the Fall Harvest Festival as it was of limited value to the EAC. Mr. Bratz made a motion that we not attend. Ms. Weremeychik seconded it. All approved the motion.

**e. Purchase of EAC items:** Ms. Ross told the group that there is a lot of money left in the 2009 budget and suggested that we order any equipment we need at this time. Motions were made by Mr. Bratz and seconded by Ms. Weremeychik that we spend the following:

1. Up to \$1000.00 on the bags we had ordered in the past
2. Up to \$200.00 on the Recognition Ceremony
3. Up to \$300.00 on information regarding the solar panel, including a poster, and a plaque
4. Up to \$500.00 on rain barrel parts
5. Up to \$200.00 on a pump for the rain barrel display
6. Up to \$150.00 on Polo shirts
7. Up to \$300.00 on a display board
8. Up to \$300.00 on give a ways such as bracelets and pencils

**7. Adjourn-** There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bratz, seconded by Ms. Weremeychik.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ivy Ross  
EAC Vice Chairman