



**Warrington Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting
March 3, 2010**

1. Call To Order, Pledge Of Allegiance: Mr. Fred Suffian, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. Present were: Ivy Ross, Vice-Chairman; Nicholas Weremeychik, Member; Adele Weremeychik, Member; Douglas Skinner, Planning Commission, Liaison; Todd Baratz, Member; and Lynn Laurelli, Member. Members of the public included David Redner from Energy Efficiency Today LLC and Amy Edenson.

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

2. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes for February 3, 2010:

On motion by Mr. Weremeychik, seconded by Ms. Weremeychik, the Minutes of the February 3, 2010 meeting were approved.

4. Old Business:

a. Earth Day

- **Volunteers-** Ms. Edenson from Girl Scout Troup 21318 offered to speak with the head of the Service Coordinator Unit for the Girl Scouts, requesting that several different troops assume responsibility for maintaining the Earth Garden over the next six months.
- **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.

Ms. Ross will contact Mr. Vorhees about the sign for the solar panel that is being prepared by Smart Power. Mr. and Ms. Weremeychik will create a sign similar to the one they saw at the Peace Valley Nature Center to hang in the Township building.

- **Earth Garden:** The group discussed potential sites for the Earth Garden. Mr. Sames told Ms. Ross that the area between the parking lot and the fields would be a better choice than the one Ms. Hanel proposed. Ms. Ross will speak with Ms. Hanel to see if it would be a problem to relocate the site.

Ms. Edenson suggested we look at the site in the Lower Nike Park near the bird bline for the Earth Garden. Ms. Ross and Mr. Weremeychik will go out on Thursday at 12:00 pm to look at the site.

Ms. Ross explained that we may need to purchase some materials and plants for the garden. Mr. Baratz made a motion that we spend up to \$300.00 on this project. Mr. Weremeychik seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- **Rain Barrel Assembly:** Mr. Weremeychik reported that he has an inventory of all the rain barrel supplies. He said that there are enough supplies to build 40 rain barrels. The EAC currently has 25 barrels. The group agreed that 25 barrels will be enough to construct on Earth Day. Ms. Ross will order twenty-five 3” diverters. There are enough 4” diverters in the Turk Road garage. Ms. Weremeychik volunteered to make a sign for the Township Building explaining our Rain Barrel program.
- **Flower Planting:** The Daisy and Brownie troops will do the flower planting in the same locations as last year. Ms. Ross will send out a donation letter to Gerlings (also known as Sunlit Farms) asking for flowers. They donated a significant amount of flats last year for Earth Day.

Mr. Suffian suggested that we check how many gloves we have and if we have fertilizer left over from last year. We should also check how many hand trawls and watering cans we have. Ms. Ross will check in the Turk Road garage where these items are being stored.

- **Rain Garden Maintenance:** The group discussed having a Boy Scout Troop do maintenance on the Rain Garden. Fred Achenbach’s grandson may also be interested in maintaining the Rain Garden as his senior project. Mr. Suffian will follow up with Mr. Achenbach.
- **Detention Basin Planting:** Mr. Suffian discussed his concerns about the grading of the detention basin in front of the Township building. He explained that the grading needs to be done prior to Earth Day. We will need to take delivery of these plants prior to April 24, 2010 and they will need to be planted right away. Either immediately following Earth Day or before, the Warwick basin also needs to be graded and planted. The EAC would like to have some of the high school students do the planting. Mr. Sames has agreed to make this a priority item.

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

- **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 will do an inventory of trash bags and gloves. Mr. Sames had suggested that we purchase latex free gloves for the trash pick up.

5. Adjourn- There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Baratz, seconded by Mr. Weremeychik.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivy Ross
EAC Vice Chairman