

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES TO JUNE 4, 2008 MEETING

The meeting started at 7:40 PM followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Those in attendance were the following EAC members: Todd Baratz, Becky Kiefer, Ivy Ross, Fred Suffian, Frasier Wall, and Nick and Adele Weremeychik. Also in attendance was Paul Gdanski, Director of Public Works.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of the May 7, 2008 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2008 meeting was made by Mr. Baratz and seconded by Mr. Wall. All were in favor.

Healthy Yard Mailing Update

Mr. Suffian reported on the costs of the various methods of sending out the Healthy Yard mailing. Mr. Baratz made a motion that we spend up to \$1,000 on the Healthy Yard mailing. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ross. All were in favor.

Mr. Suffian expressed a desire to send out the mailing by early to mid June, and to have the mailing sent to approximately 515 homes. There was a discussion regarding when responses to the mailing should be received. It was decided that responses should be received by the second week of July.

Wren Grant Update

Paul Gdanski stated that the League of Women Voters of PA is sponsoring a project leader orientation and training meeting on June 17 and 18, 2008.

Growing Greener Grant Update

There were no updates for the Growing Greener Grant.

Adopt-A-Road Program Update

Mr. Gdanski reported that most of the Adopt a Road signs have been installed for the organizations who have made a commitment to the program.

Clean Energy Outreach Plan Update

Mr. Suffian photocopied 1,000 copies of the Clean Energy pamphlet to be distributed by the members at township parks. Mr. Suffian distributed closed to 300 pamphlets over 2 Saturdays. Mr. Suffian also reported that we do not have the current sign up numbers because there is no one in the Clean Energy position at PECO.

Mrs. Ross stated that she was going to distribute pamphlets at the swim club.

Stream Signs

Mr. Wall reported that he had suggested names for all of the streams that are not currently named in the township.

Mr. Suffian reported that he would like to use the stream naming as some sort of contest or event. Mrs. Kiefer suggested that we could put something in the newsletter. Mr. Suffian suggested that we could have a contest at Warrington Day with people picking a name for a stream. Streams would be labeled with a number.

Earth Day Follow-Up

Mr. Suffian reported that posters were being created to thank the Earth Day contributors. It was suggested that we could have a presentation to the contributors in the fall.

Warrington Day – September 13, 2008

A general discussion was held regarding the content of the booth at Warrington Day and who would be available to assist with the manning of the booth. It was decided that there would be volunteers working to achieve more Clean Energy sign-ups. It was also decided that the booth would have information about creating rain barrels and rain gardens.

Neshaminy Alliance Meeting Report

Mr. Weremeychik reported on the Neshaminy Alliance meeting. He stated that there were a number of speakers. He also reported that they informed the attendees that the Clean Water Act is about to expire.

Other Business

Stream Signs – Mr. Suffian reported that it would be possible to obtain free signs for the stream names provided we would have someone of authority sign a form stating that we would post the signs.

Climate Security Act – Mr. Suffian reported that he received an e-mail from the Clean Air Council asking him to send letters of support to our Congressman for the Climate Security Act. The Climate Security Act is a bill aimed at reducing emissions. It has already been signed by 800 mayors. Mr. Suffian asked if the Warrington EAC has the authority to make this request or if it needs to be done by the Board of Supervisors. Mrs. Kiefer suggested that the WEAC recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they support this act. Mr. Baratz suggested that we put this item on the agenda for the July meeting.

Adjournment

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