

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES TO FEBRUARY 4, 2009 MEETING

The meeting started at 7:30 PM followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Those in attendance were the following EAC members: Todd Baratz, Ivy Ross, Fred Suffian, and Nick and Adele Weremeychik. Also in attendance was Barbara Livrone, Recording Secretary for the WTEAC. Members of the public included Lynn Laurelli and Dee Rose.

Public Comment

Introductions were made by the council members to Dee Rose.

Approval of the January 7, 2009 Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Baratz to approve the January 7, 2009 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Weremeychik. All were in favor.

Bucks Beautiful Garden and Home Show Exhibitor Report

Ms. Laurelli attended a workshop hosted by Michael Stumpf and Associates for the Bucks Beautiful Garden and Home Show being held March 20, 21 and 22, 2009 at Delaware Valley College. Key points to planning at the show were reported, i.e., uniformity, pictures and a flow factor to attract interest. The council decided to exhibit a working rain barrel, 3 panel display board of a rain barrel, rain garden pictures, native plants, windmill model, the Enviroscape model and a clean energy video or slides to be displayed.

Ms. Laurelli stated Kelly Krumenacker Founder and President of Bucks County Children's Museum were very interested in Warrington Twp. EAC and is attending Bucks Beautiful. Ms. Krumenacker would like the EAC to help educate children at the museum.

Mr. Suffian, Mrs. Ross and Ms. Laurelli will be setting up the booth on Friday, March 20th. Mr. and Mrs. Weremeychik and Mr. Fred Gaines will be volunteering at the booth during the weekend.

WREN Grant Update

Mr. Suffian reported two (2) Americorp Vista personnel went to various schools within Central Bucks. They made a presentation to the classrooms and promoted the poster contest which will be presented at Earth Day.

There has no update on the WREN Grant or Tree Vitalization Grant. If the Tree Vitalization grant is approved, monies will be available to fund the plants at Bux Mont Unitarian Church and the two detention basins.

Growing Greener Grant Update

Mr. Suffian reported the planting plans have been sent. Land Studies, Inc will finalize the plan and incorporate comments. Mr. Suffian showed the graphics proof for the interpretative signs. One sign can be displayed at Bucks Beautiful Garden and Home Show.

Clean Energy Outreach Plan Update

Bux Mont Unitarian Church signed up to be a partner for our Clean Energy campaign. The church was able to receive sign-ups but not from Warrington residents.

The township purchased clean energy from Native Energy for 2008. A commitment from the township was made to purchase clean energy from Native Energy for 2009 at the 2008 rate.

Mrs. Laurelli is going to research the availability of grant money from DEP for energy independence.

Stream Signs

Mr. Baratz went through the list of stream names that were collected at Warrington Day. He prepared a spreadsheet indicating appropriate and recommended names for the streams. There was discussion to purchase a sign for each named stream. It was suggested to have a map made in time for Warrington Day labeling the streams with the approved names. The recommended names must be submitted to USGS for approval.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ross to adopt the proposed stream name spreadsheet as amended. Mrs. Weremeychik seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2009 Earth Day – April 18, 2009

Mrs. Ross will contact a teacher at Central Bucks West to see if there is interest to have the students assemble rain barrels.

Some other Earth Day activities will include naturalization the detention basin at Bux Mont Unitarian Church. Debris removal from the outflow at Bradford Dam and storm drain labeling. Annuals will be donated for the flower beds at Twin Oaks Camp and the memorial. Another detention basin located at Kings Park can be a site for planting.

Other Business

➤ Power-Save Energy Savers

The township purchased a power-save energy saver to be placed at the water and sewer department building located at Turk Road. Since the purchase, the water and sewer building's future use will not be earmarked for township employees. The company that the power saver was purchased from said the unit can be returned for a credit towards another unit. There was discussion to exchange the unit for a larger unit and place the new unit at the township building's air conditioning unit.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Baratz and seconded by Mr. Weremeychik to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 9:40 PM.