



**WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
May 6, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Fred Suffian called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Mr. Suffian, Chairman; Ivy Ross, Vice-Chair; David Weaver, Nicholas Weremeychik, Adele Weremeychik and Lynn Laurelli. Staff present was Barbara Livrone and Carolyn Hanel.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Healthy Yards Poster Contest . Sydney Leonard from Millcreek Elementary School was presented a Certificate and gift as the first prize winner in the poster contest.

b. Earth Day 2009 . The EAC reviewed Earth Day and discussed changes for 2010. It was suggested that the photo collage be posted on the web site. Mrs. Hanel commented that the lunch room at Twin Oaks is scheduled for demolition in 2010 and a new building will be constructed for use by the camp. In case the new building is not completed by Earth Day, she suggested selecting an alternate location. It was agreed to use the Swim Club for Earth Day 2010.

It was noted that the students who assisted with Earth Day should be acknowledged with letter send to the high school. Likewise the Boy Scouts who assisted need to be thanked.

c. Rain Barrels . The EAC discussed how many additional rain barrels needed to be completed for residents. It was estimated that 11 more rain barrels are needed to fill the current waiting list. Those parties who ordered rain barrels at Warrington Day will be contacted and advised that if they must pick up their barrels by June 30 or we will assume they do not want them. The number of new barrels that must be completed will depend on how many are left over from this group. It was noted that Supervisor Mike Lamond should be added to the list of

residents waiting for barrels. Mrs. Hanel commented that the older children at the Twin Oaks Camp (12 and 13 year olds) could assist with the assembly of the rain barrels in the summer. A date for assembling additional barrels could not be determined and the issue was tabled. Mr. Suffian asked for consent to purchase more supplies for the rain barrel assembly. On motion by Ms. Ross, seconded by Ms. Laurelli, Mr. Suffian was authorized to purchase supplies to complete 15 additional units. Mr. Suffian estimated the expense at \$500.00.

It was moved by Mr. Weremeychik, seconded by Ms. Ross and passed unanimously that as of May 1, 2009 the rain barrels will no longer be offered for free; the cost will be \$40.00 with the diverter and \$25.00 without.

d. WREN Grant Update - The Weremeychiks will be attending a conference regarding the WREN grants on June 16-18 in Carlisle. The Weremeychiks, Mr. Suffian and Barbara Livrone met prior to the EAC meeting to prepare the final report for the WREN grant

e. Growing Greener Grant Update . Mr. Suffian reported that a pre-construction meeting had been held on May 6 with Mr. Borden from Bucks County Conservation District, Landstudies and the Public Works Dept. staff. It was agreed at that meeting to postpone any plantings until the fall, but to proceed with the grading of the basins now, starting with the basin at Warwick Road and Guinea Lane and the basin in front of the Township Building second. There was some discussion regarding reimbursement for labor costs. Mr. Suffian opined costs for the construction of the rain garden in 2006 as well as the digging of the test pits in 2008 would be reimbursable.

f. Clean Energy Outreach Plan . Mr. Suffian congratulated those present on reaching the Clean Energy Goal. This qualifies Warrington for a solar panel. There was some discussion on where to place the panel with no final decision. Mr. Suffian indicated that he was waiting for additional information on the program. Mr. Suffian also indicated that he will deliver the sourwood tree to the winner of the raffle.

g. Stream Name Selection . This matter was tabled for a future meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES . On motion by Mr. Weremeychik, seconded by Ms. Laurelli, the Minutes of the April 1, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved. It was noted that the donations from Sun Lit Farms and Shady Grove should be acknowledged.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Barbara Livrone Transition - Mrs. Hanel advised the EAC that Barbara Livrone had taken a new position with the Township as the assistant to the Township Manager and as a result will no longer be able to provide staff support to the EAC. Those present expressed their sorrow at losing Barbara and

questioned who would be taking over her duties. It was agreed that Barbara would finish the WREN Grant as she is familiar with the material and requirements of the grant. Carolyn Hanel will assist with the Growing Greener Grant. Mrs. Hanel commented that the members of the EAC may need to step up and assume some of the tasks that Barbara Livrone was handling. It was agreed to continue this discussion at a future meeting.

6. OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Junior Members . Ms. Ross suggested having junior members on the EAC from the CB South Environmental Club.

b. Intern . Scott Vio is scheduled to start in May and be paid a stipend of \$2,000 for the summer. Scott will be working on the tree inventory.

c. Survey . A draft survey will be discussed at the June 3 meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT – There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Hanel