



**WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
June 3, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Suffian called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were: Fred Suffian, Chairman; Ivy Ross, Vice-Chair; Todd Baratz, Secretary; David Weaver, Park and Rec Board Liaison, Nicholas Weremeychik, Adele Weremeychik, and Lynn Laurelli. Also present was Township Supervisor Rebecca Kiefer. Staff present was Carolyn Hanel, Director of Administrative Services.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 6, 2009: There were two corrections to the May 6 Minutes as presented:

- Item #23 (e) . Mr. Borden is with the Bucks County Conservation District, not LandStudies.
- Item #5 (a) . the comment that the Growing Greener ~~%s~~ just getting started+is inaccurate as the EAC has been working on this grant project for months.

On motion by Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Weremeychik, the corrected Minutes of the May 6, 2009 meeting were approved. Mr. Baratz abstained, as he was not present at the May 6 meeting.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Rain Barrel Assembly: Mr. Suffian reviewed the status of this project. Ivy Ross reported that as of the meeting date there were 11 barrels at Water and Sewer. There was discussion about storage of new barrels. Mrs. Hanel volunteered that she had some storage space at IPW Park and if the summer

camp kids were going to assist with the rain barrel assembly that might be a good place to store them. David Weaver commented that the campers could not operate a drill press and the barrels need to have holes drilled in them. Mr. Weaver indicated that he would check with Carl Sames, Public Works Foreman, to determine if they had a drill press. The purchase of additional materials for the assembly of the barrels was approved at the May 6 meeting and subsequently by the Township Manager. It was suggested to shop for dates for the assembly via email. Mr. Weremeychik suggested completing the barrels that are being stored at Water & Sewer at that location in lieu of moving them.

Ivy Ross reported that 12 people are waiting for rain barrels and 7 are awaiting pickup.

It was also suggested that the Township place rain barrels at the administration building and at other Township facilities.

Mrs. Weremeychik commented that several people had signed up for copies of the rain barrel brochure that Bucks Beautiful developed. She suggested providing a link on the website to the brochures for those people interested.

b. WREN Grant Update: Mr. and Mrs. Weremeychik will meet with Barbara Livrone to complete the final report for this grant. It was suggested that some of the rain barrel project expense could also be charged to this grant.

Regarding the Healthy Yards Evaluations, Mr Suffian noted that the invoice for purchase of additional plant materials was approved by the Township Manager. Nine additional healthy yard evaluations approved, with an additional 8 . 10 pending. The deadline for these applications is June 30, 2009.

c. Growing Greener Grant Update: Mr. Suffian reported that erosion and sedimentation control plans for the two basins (one at the Township building on Easton Road and the other at Guinea Lane) were required for this project. Mr. Suffian also indicated that labor costs are reimbursable under this grant and asked staff to research time spent by Paul Gdanksi on this project. Staff was also requested to find the cost of the flow meter installed by Temple, and LandStudies expenses billed to the Township for reimbursement.

d. Clean Energy Campaign: Todd Baratz asked how Warrington was able to qualify for this grant, as he was not aware that Warrington reached its quota. Mr. Suffian replied that the sign ups were reported in 300KW blocks, which increased the number of participants. Andrew Velas from Smart Power would like to do a sight visit to Warrington later in the month to look at potential locations for the solar panel from the Clean Energy Campaign. Potential sites discussed by the EAC were the Township Administration Building on Easton Road or the Warrington Fire Company on Freedom Way.

e. Stream Name Selection: Todd Baratz is coordinating this project to name some of the streams in the Township. Names have already been suggested by local students and people who attended Warrington Day 2008. Mr. Baratz asked that information on how to name the streams be forwarded to him.

- f. Adopt-a-Road:** Two applications were reviewed and approved;
- **Elbow Lane** . to be cleaned by the Rubin Family
 - **Paul Valley Road** . to be cleaned by Bux Mont Fellowship Church.

Mr. Baratz suggested contacting the appropriate property owner(s) when a clean up project is scheduled to avoid any concern about trespassing

It was suggested that a map be prepared showing the roads that have been adopted under this project for Warrington Day.

g. Planning Commission Liaison: The membership asked staff to contact the Planning Commission regarding the appointment of a liaison to replace Fraser Wall.

f. Sourwood Tree . Mr. Suffian suggested that Mrs. Ross and Barbara Livrone select the winner of the tree.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Transition Meeting/Plan: A meeting to discuss how best to re-assign the tasks formerly handled by Barbara Livrone was held on May 29. Ivy Ross indicated interest in providing the needed staff support. All those present endorsed appointment of Ivy Ross as a paid staff member for the EAC, commenting that they had complete faith in her skills and abilities

b. Board of Supervisors Goals and Objectives: Staff distributed copies of the Goals and Objectives, developed by the Board of Supervisors in February, that relate to the EAC. Mrs. Kiefer suggested that perhaps the discussion of the Goals and Objectives be the sole item on a workshop meeting agenda. The EAC agreed to focus on the Goals and Objectives at the July 1 meeting.

c. Warrington Day 2009: Mrs. Hanel advised the committee that Warrington Day will be re-located in 2009 to Main Street at the Valley Square Center. The EAC asked for two spaces. The EAC members questioned whether assembling rain barrels would be appropriate at the new location. The matter was tabled for further discussion.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Leaf and Yard Refuse . Mrs. Kiefer advised the EAC that the Valley Road disposal site had been closed and that the remaining Tradesville site was

only open one week per month. She suggested that the EAC re-visit their appropriate role regarding trash and recycling. Mr. Suffian commented that he is serving on the ad-hoc committee on trash and recycling and will advise the EAC of that committee's discussions.

b. Environmentally Sensitive Lands . Mrs. Kiefer also suggested that an inventory and mapping of environmentally sensitive areas in the township was needed. Mrs. Ross suggested looking at existing municipal ordinances regarding the protection of identified areas. She indicated that Wrightstown had an ordinance that she would research. It was noted that these areas could be mapped as a layer of GIS. It was also suggested to contact the Bucks County GIS to determine if they had any similar GIS mapping that would be useful

c. Green Initiatives at New Township Building . It was also suggested that a sub-committee be formed to investigate green initiatives for a new Township Building.

d. Alternative Fuel Vehicles . Mrs. Kiefer advised that Bucks County is no longer planning to develop a fuel station for compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles. She explained that there is grant money available for development of a fueling station, but that one stipulation of the federal grant was having the station open to the public, Mrs. Laurelli commented that having a station in Warrington would promote Warrington as a green community. Mrs. Kiefer suggested that perhaps several municipalities could apply for funding cooperatively and share the costs of development as well as operations.

e. Next Round of WREN Funding . Mr. Suffian reported that Mr. Bunn at CB South High School is willing to develop a documentary film on the Little Neshaminy Creek. Mr. Suffian estimated the cost at \$1,000 and suggested that the EAC might be able to underwrite some of the expense, such as materials and mileage. On motion by Mr. Baratz, seconded by Mr. Weaver, the EAC will donate up to \$500 for the documentary. The motion was approved unanimously.

f. 2009 and 2010 Budget: - Staff advised that work was beginning on the 2010 budget. The EAC questioned some of the expenses that had been charged to the EAC previously, such as newsletter costs. Staff suggested providing a printout of 2009 revenues and expenses year-to-date for the EAC to review as a basis for the 2010 budget.

7. ADJOURN . There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. on motion by Mr. Baratz, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Hanel,
Director of Administrative Services/Parks and Recreation

