

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES TO OCTOBER 1, 2008 MEETING

The meeting started at 7:32 PM followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Those in attendance were the following EAC members: Todd Baratz, Becky Kiefer, Ivy Ross, Fraser Wall, Dave Weaver and Nick and Adele Weremeychik. Also in attendance was Barbara Livrone, Recording Secretary for the WTEAC. A member of the public, Lynn Laurelli was also in attendance.

Recognition Ceremony

Mrs. Ross welcomed everyone for attending the recognition ceremony from Warrington Township's Earth Day and Warrington Day events. Mrs. Ross also thanked everyone for their help. Mrs. Ross explained the healthy yard initiative program, clean energy campaign, adopt a road program, name a stream contest and naturalizing a detention basin.

Posters developed by Mr. and Mrs. Weremeychik were on display representing the contributors to Earth Day.

Mrs. Kiefer thanked all the volunteers for making Warrington Township a better place to live.

Mrs. Ross handed out Certificates of Appreciation to the following organizations/volunteers from the township's Earth Day event:

Cub Scout Troop # 137
Cub Scout Troop # 172
Boy Scout Troop # 137
Girl Scout Troop # 2594
Mike Lamond, Jr.
Lynn Laurelli
Kathy MacMillian, Barclay Elementary 5th grade teacher
Central Bucks West German Club
Central Bucks South Environmental Club
Karaoke and Beyond

The following organizations/volunteers were recognized but not present to receive their Certification of Appreciation and/or a poster:

Cub Scout Troop # 318
Girl Scout Troop # 2157
Girl Scout Troop # 21813
Girl Scout Troop # 2776

Mike Mrozinski
Central Bucks East German Club
Citibank of Warrington
County Line Fence
Dunkin Donuts
Genuardi's
Home Depot
Houlihan's
Illg's Meats
Lowe's
North Wales Water Authority
Valley Square Lifestyle
Wawa of Warrington
Wegman's

Mrs. Ross handed out Letters of Appreciation to the following high school and college students who volunteered at Warrington Day and thanked them for their participation. Mrs. Ross stated that eight (8) residents signed up for Clean Energy, thirty four (34) residents signed up for rain barrels; twenty five (25) residents signed up for healthy yard evaluations and a lot of people entered the name the stream contest.

Jake Atwell
Ricky Benner
Brian Berry
John Broskey
Mike Descant
Lisa Faber
Ben Feder
Nick Iannacone
Amanda Schwarz
Julia Shaner
Meredith Veit
Ellen Yu Liu

Those not in attendance but were recognized to receive their Letter of Appreciation are the following Warrington Day volunteers:

Nicole Britsch
Sean Britsch
Nick Kokiko
Jeff Layton
Michael Levin
Jennine Nash
Stephanie Neiderer
Melissa Ross
Ian Smith

Joanne Zhu

Public Comment

Ms. Laurelli commented the recognition ceremony was very nice, well attended and had good food. Mrs. Laurelli would like to see more people from the public attend the EAC meetings.

Approval of the September 3, 2008 Minutes

Minutes from the September 3, 2008 meeting were approved by Mr. Weremeychik and seconded by Mr. Weaver. All were in favor.

Warrington Day – September 13, 2008

Mrs. Ross reported on Warrington Day the township received eight (8) clean energy signups; thirty four (34) rain barrel signups; twenty five (25) healthy yard evaluations and individuals naming the township's streams.

Mr. Baratz stated that Warrington Day was a huge success. The activity at the booth doubled from the prior year. There were two (2) Adopt-A-Road signups. One of the participants is not a Warrington resident and wants to get the township she lives in to start the program.

Mr. Weaver stated that between eight (8) to nine (9) rain barrels were made and there are twenty (20) more to assemble.

2009 EAC Budget

Discussion of the budget included the following items:

Storm Drain Labels

Since May of 2007, 1500 labels have been ordered. To date, 900 labels have been placed on storm drains, leaving 600 in inventory.

Barclay Green Team from Barclay Elementary School is interested in labeling storm drains in 2009.

Greenhouse Gas Inventory Grant

Mrs. Kiefer reported that the grant is a baseline inventory to determine what the level of greenhouse gases are currently being emitted based on municipal roofs, equipment, pollution, buildings, and vehicles. The grant will help reduce our contribution of greenhouse gas by certain percentages. Mrs. Kiefer stated the new addition to the

township building should include environmental specs which would be part of the grant requirement.

Detention Basins

No additional funds will be needed for 2009.

A motion was made to adopt the budget for 2009 by Mr. Baratz. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Other Business

Clean Energy Meeting

Andrew Voris from SmartPower hosted a meeting at the township building September 24th. Mrs. Weremeychik attended the meeting and reported the importance of meeting with people on a one to one basis to promote the clean energy campaign. Additionally, inform the people there will be an additional \$7.62 per month cost and stress the reason for the additional cost. Mrs. Laurelli agreed and stated one township was able to reach their goal within six months due to speaking with people face to face.

Harvest Festival

The EAC will participate at the township's Harvest Festival held on Sunday, October 26, 2008. The goal is to sign up residents to the clean energy program. Mrs. Laurelli will be attending the festival.

Adopt-A-Road Program

A larger sign was ordered saying "This Road is Adopted by..." for Warrington Day to advertise the program. The larger sign is 24" x 9". The existing signs are 18' x 6." Mr. Baratz made a motion to approve One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) expenditure to retrofit the "Adopt-A-Road" signs with larger print for the five organizations who have signed up for the program plus for the two new signups. Mr. Fraser seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Healthy Yard Program

One resident requested a sign to place on his yard after he received a rain barrel. The council stated the healthy yard sign is for people who signed up for the healthy yard evaluation.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Baratz and seconded by Mr. Weaver to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 9:00 PM.