
WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES TO MARCH 4, 2009 MEETING

The meeting started at 7:36 PM followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Those in attendance were the following EAC members: Rebecca Kiefer, Lynn Laurelli, 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 Larry Menkes, Bucks County Environmental Stewardship Council.

Public Comment

Introductions were made by the council members to Mr. Menkes. The council is not non-profit and has been existence for 1-1/2 years. Mr. Menkes has made presentations to seven Bucks County EAC's and is seeking the EAC's top three issues, i.e., residential energy, efficiency in township buildings, updating codes to become green friendly. His council will present forums and speakers on these issues. Mr. Menkes suggested reading Post Carbon Cities which is planning for energy uncertainty and is a guidebook for local governments. Mr. Menkes stated we are ten years behind the west coast, the west coast is ten years behind Western Europe and Western Europe is ten years behind Japan.

The EAC mentioned to Mr. Menkes the top three issues relative to Warrington Township are: use recyclable materials in the expansion of township building, environmental code issues and buffer zones for wetlands and protect natural resources.

Mr. Menkes offered to participate in the planning process and make a presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

Mrs. Kiefer extended an invitation to Mr. Menkes and his council to attend the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Workshop on April 1, 2009 at the township building. The workshop is hosted by Bucks County Association of Township Officials (BCATO), TMA Bucks, Warrington Township and Warrington Township EAC. Letters have been mailed to municipalities within the Central Bucks region inviting them to attend the CNG workshop.

Approval of the February 4, 2009 Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Ross to approve the February 4, 2009 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weremeychik. All were in favor.

Bucks Beautiful Garden and Home Show Exhibitor Report

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Weremeychik attended the set-up and exhibitor workshop for the Bucks Beautiful Garden and Home Show being held March 20, 21 and 22, 2009 at Delaware Valley College. Warrington Township EAC has been assigned Booth # 27.

Another six foot table will be needed to rent for five dollars (\$5.00) in the preparation of set-up.

The Environscape model will be presented to demonstrate watershed and watershed management; a rain barrel recirculation water display; posters displaying Healthy Yards; rain barrel, watershed, rain garden brochures and clean energy signup sheets. Clean energy pictures will be on display in addition to a clean energy video. Also, the interpretative signs will be displayed.

2009 Earth Day – April 18, 2009

The townships Earth Day event will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Twin Oaks Day Camp. The camp is located at Igoe, Porter, Wellings Park on Bradley Road.

CB West German Honor Society, Central Bucks Environmental Club, various Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops will be volunteering.

CB West German Honor Society will be assembling rain barrels. The Central Bucks Environment Club will be planting plants at the detention basin. The scouts will be labeling storm drain and flower planting.

WREN Grant Update

Planting at Bux Mont Unitarian Church is part of the WREN grant.

Mr. Suffian met with Jim Bunn, film director of CB South who is going make a documentary of the Little Neshaminy River. This will be incorporated for the 2009 WREN Grant proposal and will also include healthy yard participation. The deadline for application is April 3, 2009. The grant is effective July 2009 to July 2010. The maximum grant money is Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00). A motion was made by Mrs. Ross to send in the proposal for the 2009/2010 WREN grant funding. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Laurelli. All were in favor.

Growing Greener Grant Update

Detention basin retrofit plans have been submitted to public works. A commitment was made to DEP that public works would construct the detention basin and the design by Land Studies was based on public works construction. Plants will have to be ordered in time for the volunteers to plant them at Earth Day.

Clean Energy Outreach Plan Update

Approximately one hundred and fifteen (115) signups are needed by May 31, 2009 in order for the township to receive its free solar panel.

Other Business

- Annual Southeast PA EAC Conference held on March 14, 2009 in Philadelphia will be attended by Nick and Adele Weremeychik.
- EAC Conference GO Green Expo held March 14, 2009.
- Economics vs. Environment Seminar

This March 17, 2009 seminar being held at Delaware Valley College will be attended by Nick and Adele Weremeychik and Lynn Laurelli.

- Compressed Natural Gas Workshop – April 1, 2009 @ 7:30 PM – Warrington Twp Bldg.

The CNG workshop is hosted by Bucks County Association of Township Officials (BCATO), TMA Bucks, Warrington Township and Warrington Township EAC. Letters have been mailed to municipalities within the Central Bucks region inviting them to attend the CNG workshop.

- EAC County Wide Forum to be held September 26, 2009.
- Ordinances

The EAC discussed proposing Ordinances for buffer zones, green building, etc. and present the Ordinances to the supervisors.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Weremeychik and seconded by Mrs. Ross to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 10:08 PM.