

Abington Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes March 9, 2016

Call to Order: 7:30 pm In attendance: Jennifer Sherwood, Cakky Evans, Michele Kaczalek, Andrea Soo, John Sorrentino, Jim Webb, Susan Myerov, Karin McGarry-Rosen, Nick Macelko and Amy Hopf

Guests: Andreea Ambrus, Alfred Schieb

Minutes: The report was accepted with corrections by Sue re: Wastewater & Wissahickon Phosphorous Alternative Plan Update.

Chairperson's Report: The report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was accepted. John questioned why we are tracking the Shade Tree Commission account and Jackson Park account.

Committee Reports:

Administration: The report was accepted.

Energy and Sustainability: The report was accepted with a change to reflect that Jenn did not attend the Green Infrastructure Workshop.

Land Planning: The report was not submitted.

Public Relations: The report was accepted.

Watersheds, Storm Water, Restoration: The report was accepted. There was a discussion regarding the need to follow up on the sewer installation on Old Welsh Road.

Active Business:

STAR Communities Program – Cakky led the EAC members and guests through an example of a Goal Area (Natural Systems) and discussed the appropriate documentation to verify meeting that goal. EAC members were then assigned to various Goal Area actions, outcomes and verification.

Spring Event Planning: The following items were discussed:

Rydal-Meadowbrook Civic Association's Abington Town Hall

- Date not yet set
- EAC will provide update on STAR Community effort w/focus on Economic, Social and Environment aspects. The RMCA is asking for proposals on presentations and the EAC should suggest an environmental topic(s) which resonate with the community and demonstrate progress or the need to advance.
- A discussion ensued and suggestions included: Baederwood retention basins and Tyson Avenue reconstruction. Sue Myerov suggested a role-playing budget activity that allows participants to balance economic and environmental concerns that she participated in at the Montgomery County Planning Commission's comprehensive plan public meeting. The consensus was for her to investigate and bring back information as this appears to be an interesting way to engage the community.

Rain Barrel Workshops – Dates (4/17, 4/23, 5/14, 5/26, 6/18), locations and attendees were discussed.

Earth Day Cleanups – Dates/times for the following cleanups were discussed:

- Roychester Park (4/2 @ 9 to 1)
- Crosswicks Sanctuary 4/9 @ 9 to 12)
- Keswick Underpass 4/30 @ 9 to 12)

New Business: Andreea Ambrus, a guest at tonight's meeting, is a member of the Roslyn Business Association (RBA). The RBA is holding a Family Day on May 21 from noon to 7 pm. This may be an opportunity for the EAC to have a presence that day. The RBA meets on the third Thursday of the month.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 pm

Next Meeting – April 13, 2016