

Abington Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes April 13, 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: Bob Greaves

Minutes: The report was approved.

Chairperson's Report: The report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Administration: The report was accepted.

Energy and Sustainability: The report was accepted.

Land Planning: The report was accepted.

Public Relations: The report was accepted.

Watersheds, Storm Water, Restoration: The report was accepted.

Active Business:

STAR Communities Program – Submittal was forwarded on April 11, 2016. Response expected from the STAR organization within 30 – 60 days. The EAC/Township then has 30 days to respond to STAR comments.

Spring Event Planning: The following items were discussed:

Rydal-Meadowbrook Civic Association's Abington Town Hall

- Date not yet set. Cakky to coordinate with RMCA on this event.

Rain Barrel Workshops

- 4/17: Briar Bush. EAC will man a table from 1 to 4 pm w/a Rain Barrel presentation at 1:30 pm. Karin, Jenn and Michele will attend.
- 4/23: two events – Ardsley at noon presented by Andrea, Sue and Jenn and Upper Dublin (Kate's Corner) with Cakky and Jenn presenting.
- 5/14: Collins Nursery – presentation @ 2:00 pm. Jenn and Karin to attend.
- 5/26: Abington Library – presentation @ 7:00 pm. Jenn and Karin to present.
- 6/18: Florey Lane Training Center – presentation @ (?). Karin to present.

Earth Day Cleanups

- John to follow up w/Tina Carlson on Silver Avenue cleanup event.
- Commissioner DiPlacido to lead a cleanup event on Cedar Road near the McKinley school on 4/24 from 1 to 3 pm.

Audubon Bird Walks

- 2 scheduled per month w/Leigh Altedonna to lead and Jenn will support.

New Business:

- A. Wissahickon watershed stormwater management: Township to receive a \$200K grant from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for a storm water feasibility study for stream restoration and flood mitigation.
- B. Grant partnerships: EAC letters of support were forwarded for the TTFWP's Ethel Jordan Park Project and the Shade Tree Commission's Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary improvement project.
- C. Montgomery Award: nominations for Winnie Morgan for her beautification work along the Pennypack trail near Lorimer Park and Linda Ritter for maintaining flowers around the signs at Crestmont and Baederwood Parks, the gardens around the Levy Building at Abington Hospital and

her donation of plants to Highland School garden beds. A carryover nomination for the Abington School district remains from prior years for its energy saving projects throughout the school district.

- D. Advertising wraps for rain barrels – Karin raised the possibility of getting a “wrap” for an EAC barrel to bring to workshops and events. The cost would be about \$125.
- E. A Green Arts festival is planned for 6/8 (6 to 8 pm) at the St. Joseph the Protector School (nee St. Luke’s). The school requested someone from the EAC to attend. Cakky agreed to go.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm

Next Meeting – May 11, 2016