

Abington Township

Environmental Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for May 11, 2016

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

Guests: none

Minutes: The report was accepted w/spelling correction

Chairperson's Report: Report accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Report accepted.

Committee Reports:

Administration: Report accepted.

Energy and Sustainability: Report accepted.

Land Planning: No report submitted.

Public Relations: Report accepted.

Watersheds, Storm Water and Restoration: Report accepted.

Active Business:

STAR Communities Program – Due to a large number of submittals, the STAR Communities organization allowed additional time for our final submittal (now May 2, 2016). Cakky updated the original submittal and resubmitted by the new deadline. STAR Communities response is due within 30 to 60 days. STAR Communities also reviewed the Township's 21 Indicators submittal and provided feedback to Cakky.

Spring Event Planning – The following items were discussed:

Abington Town Hall with PSU-Abington and the Rydal-Meadowbrook Community Association (RMCA): Scheduled for May 25. Michelle Halsell, Director of Sustainable Facilities for Penn State, will present an

update on the STAR Communities effort. For the Partners in Innovation presentation, Cakky will highlight our Go Green Rewards card effort and our coordination with the Township's Economic Development Committee. Cakky and Karin will prepare a complete list of participating businesses for the presentation.

Rain Barrel Workshops:

Collins Nursery: May 14, 2016 – John, Karin, Andrea, Sue and Jim will attend and Sue will present.

Abington Library: May 26, 2016 – Jenn, Karin, Michele and Cakky will be attending.

Abington Township Florey Lane Training Center: June 18, 2016 – Karin, Andrea and Michele will be attending.

Abington Senior High School (ASHS) Day of Service (6/3)

Jenn will lead the students in a cleanup at Roslyn Park and Cakky will lead students at a Rain Barrel work effort at Florey Lane.

Audubon Bird Town Walks

Jenn and Leigh Altadonna will lead a Walk on 5/17 in the Bethayres Swamp and another Walk on 5/22 in Lorimer Park.

Montgomery Award

Nominations were reviewed and discussed and a vote was taken. The results will be forwarded to the Commissioners for their consideration.

New Business:

PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PADCNR) Going Greener Grant. This grant program is intended to assist in implementing best management practices (BMP's) in watersheds to address stormwater management issues. The Township has received a grant to implement 5 projects, 4 of which are in Roychester Park and the remaining one in Evergreen Manor Park. The Roychester projects include a rain garden, riparian buffer restoration, a bioretention/infiltration trench and infiltration basins. Infiltration basins will be installed in Evergreen Manor Park.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Next Meeting – June 8, 2016