

Abington Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes June 8, 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, and Amy Hopf

Guests: Sarah Blont (Rydal Meadowbrook Civic Association), Andrew Schwartz, Eagle Scout candidate and Mrs. Schwartz (his mother).

Minutes: The minutes were accepted.

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 as modified.

Land Planning: The report will be modified by moving the TMDL/TTF Milestone Event reports to the Watersheds, Stormwater & Restoration report. The report was accepted with this modification.

Public Relations: The report was accepted.

Watersheds, Storm Water, Restoration: The report was accepted w/above modification.

Active Business:

STAR Communities Program – Cakky reported that the Township has officially received a 3 Star rating. She is working to add to our point total by submitting additional documentation, particularly in the cultural issues area. The deadline for this submittal is June 24.

Event Planning: The following items were discussed:

Next Rain Barrel Workshop – 6/18 at the Florey Lane Training Facility. Karin, Michele, Sue, Andrea and Jenn plan on attending.

Recycling Events:

1. MontCo Household Hazardous Waste Collection at the Abington Junior High School on 6/18. No one was available to attend and distribute our newsletter/take e-mail sign-ups.
2. Abington Township e-Cycling event on 6/25. Cakky and Sue plan on attending.

Audubon Bird Town Walks:

1. Scheduled for 2nd Sunday and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Jenn will support.

Montgomery Award at the 7/14 Board of Commissioners meeting: Michele will send out assignment list from last year for everyone's review.

New Business: Abington Pre-Night Out: discussed participation again. Hope to be located closer to the Briar Bush table.

Growing Greener grant project support: Township has received a grant to implement projects in Roychester Park and Evergreen Manor Park. Sue will attempt to get a copy of the project Scope of Work for our review.

Rain Barrel redesign: Karin discussed the possible re-design of our rain barrels to accept a new diverter assembly. It was agreed that it was a good idea but will use up current supplies before redesign.

Township Newsletter: Input due on 6/17. Discussed including a green yards discussion (Sue) and a STAR Communities update (Cakky).

EAC Newsletter (for distribution at upcoming EAC events starting on 6/18). At a minimum, need to include upcoming events.

Cities Disclosure Project (CDP): By joining the CDP, the Township would have free access to the use of free Greenhouse Gas (GHG) measurement software, which would be beneficial if the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission chooses not to continue measuring GHG in the future. Cakky made a motion to have the Township join as a participating municipality. The motion was defeated 4 to 3.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm

Next Meeting – July 13, 2016