

Abington Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes February 8, 2017

Call to Order: 7:30 pm In attendance: Jennifer Sherwood, John Sorrentino, Andrea Soo, Jim Webb, Sue Myerov. Michele Kaczalek, Karin McGarry-Rosen and Michael Anastasio

Minutes: The minutes were accepted with two corrections.

Presentation on the Crestmont Park Community Center renovation: Van Strother, Township Community Development Coordinator, provided background information on the existing building and the Master Plan for Crestmont Park. The “Roundhouse” will be demolished and replaced with a new Community Center. This is currently out to bid with bids due on February 28. The Township has a Federal Community Development Block Grant to pay for its construction.

Chairperson’s Report: The report was accepted. Jenn reminded us that information for the annual EAC report is needed. John will draft the Section on STAR accomplishments.

Treasurer’s Report: The report was accepted with one change: 5 rain barrels have been sold this year, not 4.

Committee Reports:

Policy: No report. There was no update on the status of the STAR program. John is working with Gary Calore of Penn State – Abington on several grant projects for which PSU will submit applications. Discussed the kickoff meeting for the Walk/Park/Train Abington Program which is a follow up to the Master Bike Plan. The initial meeting is to be held on February 27.

Programs: Report was accepted.

Engagement: Report was approved.

Current Business: **Sustainable Abington/STAR Communities Program** – No update was given.

Rain Barrel the Town (RBTT) project: Jim contacted our suppliers to begin pick up of drums again in anticipation of Spring sales.

2016 Annual Report: Jenn reminded members that she needs input by February

24.

Planning for 2017 activities:

- i. Township E-cycling event is scheduled for 2/25.
- ii. Earth Day Clean ups: H2O Club has scheduled a clean up in Lorimer Park on February 11. Other scheduled clean ups include an Eagle Project for riparian plantings in Grove Park on 2/11 and a clean up at the Boy Scout Game Preserve on April 1, sponsored by the Washington District of the Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA. If any additional clean ups are set up by EAC members, please send these dates and information to Jenn.
- iii. Abington Audubon Bird Town native plant swap will be hosted by Briar Buch Nature Center. The date is to be announced.

New Business:

Associate Member renewals: The following Associate members have been approved for renewal: Joel Schilling, Andrea Soo and Sarah Blunt.

EAC Network Conference: Conference is scheduled for May 6 in Lancaster, PA. Sue will be a speaker at the conference. EAC members are encouraged to attend.

Other: Doug Wendell is retiring on February 28, 2017 and will be replaced by Andy Oles starting March 1, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm

Next Meeting – March 8, 2017