

**Abington Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2015**

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

Minutes: The May 13, 2015 minutes were approved as amended.

A motion was made and approved to add 3 items proposed by Cakky Evans to the Agenda.

Chairperson's Report: The report was accepted.

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

Committee Reports:

Administration: The report was accepted. Jennifer Sherwood requested that all Committee reports be submitted 48 hours before a scheduled meeting for review.

A motion was made and passed that all EAC member submit their reports by midnight Sunday.

Legislators are determining the details of the PA Child Protective Services Law. Members briefly discussed the proposed new law.

Jenn reviewed the EAC member assignments to follow Township Committee issues and meetings. Cakky Evans will report on the Finance Committee as needed.

Energy and Sustainability: The report was accepted as amended.

Land Planning: The report was accepted as amended.

Public Relations: The report was accepted.

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

Active Business:

New ZOC Draft – Sue stated she has received comments from Natural Lands Trust regarding the Land Preservation District Overlay. She will further review and consolidate the comments. Cakky will obtain comments from Emily Costello, DVRPC.

STAR Communities™ – Cakky attended a 6/2 RMCA Board meeting and prepared a list of volunteers to work on STAR. She will work with John Sorrentino and Jim Webb on the items that require the EPA's ECHO data base. Nick Macelko has been asked to intern. Cakky will set up a meeting with Rita and Glen Stevens for items that require GIS.

Rain Barrel Program – A brief discussion was held to recap the June 8th workshop at the Roslyn Library. Cakky will organize the next workshop on July 18th at the ATPSTC, Susan will present, Michele and John will support.

Jenn will update rain barrel information on the website.

Montgomery Award – The award and a gift card from Primex will be presented at the BOC meeting on July 9th to the Redeemer Valley Community Garden.

E-cycling Event - Cakky and Karin will hand out EAC fliers at the AT E-cycling event at Florey Lane on June 20th from 9AM to 1 PM.

Bike Plan – Sue recapped the June 8th Master Bike Plan (MBP) Public Meeting #2. The plan includes bike lanes around the Township on existing roads. The need for off-road trails was discussed. Jenn suggested that members submit comments as residents of the Township. At the June 8th MBP meeting, Cakky discussed STAR Communities™ requirements with Jared Lowman, a MBP contract planner. Cakky will send Jared pertinent STAR information and invite him to an EAC meeting.

Pre-Night Out –All EAC members are asked to participate. Assignments were proposed and a discussion held about themes and activities, which will be finalized at our July meeting. A hunter green rainbarrel will be donated for the raffle. Cakky will submit a table request to Dave Rondinelli and Jim will be the contact person.

New Business:

Paper Shredding events – Cakky will cover the Township's 7/11 event and will provide EAC fliers to the Mont Co event to be held August 15th at AJHS.

Norristown EAC – Jenn received a request to help Norristown create a new EAC and sent them EAC Network information. Sue Myerov will follow up to see if further assistance is needed.

Penn State Abington – The Planning Commission will review Penn State's application on June 23rd to allow student housing in a Planned Business District. A motion was made and passed for the EAC to draft a letter to the BOC stating

EAC support of application for LEED Certification for new building construction.

PAL Building – PAL will begin fund raising to construct a new PAL Center building. The building will require approval by the BOC.

Fox Chase Park – Commissioner DePlacido has requested help for clean up at the park on June 13. Karin McGarry Rosen volunteered to help.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30

Next Meeting – July 8, 2015