

**Abington Township  
Environmental Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes December 9, 2015**

**Call to Order:** 7:34 In attendance: Jennifer Sherwood, Cakky Evans, Michele Kaczalek, Andrea Soo, John Sorrentino, Jim Webb, Karin McGarry-Rosen  
Guest: Amy Hopf

**Minutes:** The report was accepted.

**Chairperson's Report:** The report was accepted.

**Secretary/ 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.

**Current Business:** **Go Green Rewards Card** – Cakky Evans reported there are 10 businesses signed up to participate in the program. She reiterated her request for EAC members to approach businesses personally, with the cards and a flier. A discussion was then held as whether EAC members should receive points in the Program. Everyone agreed that EAC members should not participate in using the card. After discussion, a motion was made and passed to approve the ordering of 1,000 new GGRCs with the proposed changes. After discussion, a motion was made and passed to use the remainder of the Township EAC budget to purchase energy efficient light bulbs.

**STAR** – John Sorrentino, Amy Hopf and Cakky will meet with Dr. Gary Calore on December 14<sup>th</sup> at Penn State to discuss how PSU-A can assist in Abington's STAR certification.

**Rain Barrel Program** – Jim Webb will check periodically for barrels. Karin McGarry-Rosen reported that the supply of pre-made barrels is dwindling and needs restocking. Cakky will provide a tarp to protect the barrels from the elements and hopes to get the 20+ drums drilled during the weekend's good weather forecast to build up the current supply.

**Carbon Fee and Dividend** – A discussion was held as to whether the EAC should endorse the program and how the Commissioners should be approached. The consensus was to revisit the issue at a later date.

**Tookany Creek Flood Study** – Jenn asked EAC members to attend the Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup> presentation by the Army Corps of Engineers who will inform residents of the flood abatement plan and solicit comments. John will corral comments for submission on the project.

**New Business:**

**2015 Annual Report Preparation** – Jennifer Sherwood requested that EAC members review last year's report and send her a summary of their projects for 2015. The reports and photos (if available) should be e-mailed to her by January 13<sup>th</sup> 2016. The report will be sent to the BOC for their February meeting. Jenn will present a power point presentation at the Public Affairs meeting in March.

**Election of Officers** – Jennifer Sherwood, Chair; Cakky Evans, Vice President; and Michele Kaczalek, Secretary/Treasurer are nominated for re-election in 2016. A discussion was held on revising the By-Laws to split the Secretary/Treasury Position. A motion was made to add the position of Treasurer to the By-Laws. Jim Webb was nominated for the Secretary position. Michele Kaczalek will check for the latest version of the By-Laws.

**Planning for 2016** – Dates need to be picked for EAC sponsored events. Karin will look at possible RBWS dates at the Library. A discussion followed on the cost and pricing of rainbarrels for 2016.

**EAC Meeting Date** – The EAC will continue to hold its meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM.

The suggestion was made to have Audubon do a presentation to the EAC. Jennifer will speak with Leigh Altadonna.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32

Next Meeting – January 13, 2016