

Abington Township

Environmental Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2017

Call to Order: 7:30 pm In attendance: Jennifer Sherwood, John Sorrentino, Jim Webb, Michele Kaczalek, Karin McGarry-Rosen, Andrea Soo and Neal Gale. There was a guest attending the meeting as well: Ben Foster.

Minutes: The minutes were accepted.

Chairperson's Report: The report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The report was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Policy: The report was accepted.

Programs: The report was accepted.

Engagement: The report was accepted.

Current Business: **Sustainable Abington/STAR Communities Program** – Jenn met with Ray Wells at the ACT Fundraiser Dinner. Ray is working with PSU - Abington on an Action Plan for implementing improvements identified in the STAR submission. An Executive Committee which includes the Township, Abington School District, PSU – Abington and Abington Hospital, will contribute to the Plan. It will be shared with all stakeholders and the EAC for review. The CDP Survey response info was submitted by Cakky on May 8 to DVRPC. Thanks to Neal for his assistance.

Rain Barrel the Town (RBTT) project: Eight rain barrels were constructed. Jim continues to pick up drums on a bi-weekly basis. Rain Barrel Workshops are scheduled for 5/13 at Collins Nursery and June 10 at the Florey Lane Training Center.

Abington Township Montgomery Award: One Nomination was made – Linda Ritter for her beautification plantings around Abington Hospital. The nomination was unanimously approved.

Planning for 2017 activities:

Several upcoming events including: Briar Bush Environmental Forum on May 15 (Michele, Jenn, John and Neal to attend); Audubon Bird Town Walks on 5/16 , 6/4 and 6/20 (Jenn to attend); TTFWP Watershed Milestone Event on 5/24.

New Business:

1. Discussed ordering new EAC t-Shirt as we are running low on them.
2. Karin will post on a volunteer website the next date for building rain barrels.
3. Karin proposed ordering decorative light switch plates to be decorated on the Pre-Night Out that would have a energy saving message.
4. A Motion was made to name Neal Gale as an Associate Member. The Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm

Next Meeting – June 14, 2017