

Abington Township

Environmental Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2017

Call to Order: 7:30 pm In attendance: Jennifer Sherwood, John Sorrentino, Jim Webb, Michele Kaczalek, Karin McGarry-Rosen, Andrea Soo, Nick Micelko and Neal Gale. There were three guests attending the meeting as well: Ben Foster, Heather Irwin and Veronica Irwin.

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** – John met with Gary Calore and reported no forward movement on the Executive Committee meeting. It was mentioned that Tom Stone from the Rydal Meadowbrook Community Association is now taking a lesser role in the Township's STAR effort. The internship at PSU-Abington is in place for the fall semester. Among the items discussed for the intern to work on are a case competition for the Go Green Rewards Card; the makeup of the organic component in the Township's waste stream; and Environmental Justice issues in the Township. Discussion ensued regarding future tasks for an intern if one continues to be available in the future.

Rain Barrel the Town (RBTT) project: A Rain Barrel Workshop was held on June 10 at the Florey Lane Training Center. Karin reached out to Collins Nursery for dates for a fall Workshop. She is working on constructing rain barrels to fulfill current orders. An invoice for Vanguard is being prepared.

Abington Township Montgomery Award: Michele will prepare a letter to Linda

Ritter to see if she is available to receive the award at the July Commissioners meeting. Michele will also send out the list for refreshments after the award is given.

Upcoming Events: Electronic Recycling on June 17 (Jenn to cover). TTF will be marking sewers with pollution prevention messages on June 17 as well. The EAC Summit will be held on June 27. Andrea, and Neal will be attending.

New Business:

Pre-Night Out Planning: John will request a table for the EAC. Discussed having energy conservation and/or climate change as our theme. Karin mentioned the possibility of getting plain light switch covers for kids to decorate while parents browse at our table. Neal will investigate purchase of LED night lights. John will see if he can borrow the “wheel” from the Shade Tree Commission. Jim will look into cost of bulk popcorn.

Cakky mentioned reaching out to Commissioners Speigelman, Luker and Kline as well as the Township Manager and Solicitor with a recommendation that the Township support the Paris Accord on Climate Change. Jenn recommends that each EAC member should do the same with their own Commissioner.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm

Next Meeting – July 12, 2017