



**Warrington Township  
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting  
March 7, 2012**

- 1. Call To Order, Pledge Of Allegiance:** Fred Suffian, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Present were: Ivy Ross, Vice-Chairman; Adele Weremeychik, Member; Nick Weremeychik, Member; Patrick Smith, Parks and Recreation Liaison; Todd Baratz, Secretary; and Mr. Fred Gaines, Planning Commission Liaison.

Mr. Suffian led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

- 3. Approval of Minutes for February 1, 2012:**

On motion by Mr. Baratz, seconded by Mr. Weremeychik, the Minutes of the February 1, 2012 meeting were approved.

- 4. Business:**

- a. Central Bucks South Environmental Club:** Ms. Serratore was unable to attend the meeting. She will update the committee during the April meeting.
- b. Bucks County Conservation District- Request for Kelly Road Basin:** Mr. Suffian discussed an e-mail he received from the Bucks County Conservation District (BCCD). The BCCD recently became the local affiliate of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. A review of the Bucks County illegal dump site survey revealed some potential projects to work on with students from the Central Bucks South Environmental Club. The BCCD was inquiring as to whether the WEAC would be interested in partnering with them and the Environmental Club to perform a cleanup of the detention basin located in Warrington on Kelly Road.

Mr. Suffian made a motion that WEAC partner with the Bucks County Conservation District to clean up site #0119, located on Kelly Road, off of Stuckert Road. Ms. Weremeychik seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- c. Tree Vitalize Grant - Eagle Scout Project:** Mr. Suffian reported that he has received a package with the final approval letter and other information from Ms. Megan Rogalus, from the Bucks County Conservation District. The grant is for \$770.00. Mr. Suffian gave the package to Ms. Ross. She will deliver it to Josh

Jordan, the Eagle Scout candidate, so he can fill out the appropriate paper work. Ms. Ross will make a copy for the WEAC files and send one to Mr. Suffian. This grant will cover the purchase of 80% of the trees and 20% of the shrubs for planting, as well as deer protection for the trees. If other materials are needed, then the WEAC will ask for donations as part of our Earth Day event. If we do not receive the necessary donations, then Josh will lead fundraising efforts along with Troop 24 and the guidance of the WEAC.

Mr. Suffian met with Mr. Jordan and Ms. Laurelli to discuss planting materials and a site plan. Mr. Jordan will need to go out to the basin regularly to determine the conditions regarding how wet or how dry it is before and after it rains. Conditions during dry periods also need to be documented. He will need to use landscape plans from our previously planted basins in order to create a plan for this basin. Once the species list is determined, he will need to contact regional nurseries to obtain native plant materials. Ms. Rogalis would like to approve the list before the plants are ordered.

Mr. Suffian spoke with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Recourse Conservation and Development Council about the Conservation Planting Trailer. Mr. Suffian was able to reserve the trailer for April 21<sup>st</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup> for our Earth Day events. We will be able to use the equipment in the basin as well as for any other Earth Day activities. We will be able to pick up the keys to the trailer at their office on Rt. 313 in Doylestown.

**d. Earth Day:**

The projects identified for this year's Earth Day include:

1. Naturalization of proposed detention basin on Guinea Lane and Green Ridge Road. Mr. Suffian will work with Mr. Jordan and Boy Scout Troop 24 on this project. On April 21<sup>st</sup> the site preparation work will be done. Planting will occur on April 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>.
2. Cleanup of the Mary Barness Swim and Tennis Club. Mr. Smith is coordinating this effort along with Ms. Ross. Ms. Ross will set up a site walk with the Township and Mr. Smith in order to identify projects for Earth Day.
3. Maintenance of detention basins at the Township building and Guinea Lane.
4. Maintenance of the Rain Garden.
5. Maintenance of the Butterfly Garden and installing posters, which Ms. Serratore will coordinate. Also, Ms. Weremeychik will look into getting posters printed. It appears that the Township printer may not be fixed by the time we need the posters. Mr. Gaines offered to contact Carol Engineering to see if they would be willing to make the posters for us.
6. Planting annuals. Ms. Weremeychik will coordinate.
7. Installing bird houses at different detention basins. Ms. Ross will talk to Public Works concerning the posts.

8. Building Rain Barrels. Mr. Weremeychik will coordinate.
9. Building Compost Bins. Mr. Weremeychik will coordinate and build an example composter.
10. Storm Drain Labeling. Mr. Suffian will compile a list of remaining neighborhoods in need of labeling.

**5. Future Agenda Items:** No other future items were discussed.

**6. Adjourn:** Mr. Baratz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Mr. Weremeychik seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ivy Ross  
Vice-Chairman, EAC