



**Warrington Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting
November 3, 2010**

- 1. Call To Order, Pledge Of Allegiance:** Fred Suffian, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Present were: Ivy Ross, Vice-Chairman; Douglas Skinner, Planning Commission, Liaison; Adele Weremeychik, Member; Nick Weremeychik, Member; Todd Baratz, Secretary; Lynn Laurelli, Member; Mike Richino, Parks and Recreation, Liaison; and Carl Sames, Public Works, Liaison.

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

- 2. Recognition Ceremony:** Mr. Suffian welcomed and thanked all of the volunteers who attended the Recognition Ceremony for the EAC's 2010 Earth Day event. Several individuals from the public, members of Cub Scout Pack 172, Saint Basil Academy, the Central Bucks Environmental Club, and Mr. Mike Lamond, Township Supervisor, were in attendance. Mr. Suffian reported that approximately 150 volunteers helped with this year's event. These volunteers were working in different areas of the Township, either planting the two constructed detention basins, marking storm drains, building rain barrels, planting flowers and the Butterfly Garden, maintain the Rain Garden and cleaning up the IPW Park.

Following Mr. Suffian's comments, Ms. Ross presented a slide show highlighting the EAC's accomplishments in 2009 and 2010. Following this presentation, Mr. Suffian handed out the Recognition Certificates and Thank You posters prepared by the EAC. Light snacks were served.

- 3. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- 4. Approval of Minutes for October 6, 2010:**

On motion by Mr. Baratz, seconded by Mr. Richino, the minutes of the October 6, 2010 meeting were approved.

- 5. Old Business:**

a. Rain Barrel Assembly: Mr. Weremeychik and Ms. Ross went to Lowe's and Home Depot to purchase equipment for 40 rain barrels. They also purchased equipment for the

Adopt A Road clean up. This included gloves and trash bags. The total spent was \$630.00.

Mr. Weremeychik has offered to put together some barrels for sale, in the coming weeks.

Mr. Suffian will contact Coca Cola and request a donation of 20 more barrels.

b. Budget 2011: Ms. Ross submitted the proposed 2011 budget to Ms. Hanel. She will be submitting it to Mr. Tipperman for his review and comment before it is given to the Board of Supervisors for final approval. The proposed EAC budget for 2011 is \$19,800.

c. Computer Recycling Event: Mr. Baratz made a motion that the Computer Recycling Event be held between January 10-15th 2011. The hours will be Monday thru Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and on Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Code Enforcement Building. Mr. Sames said that Jackie and Karen will accept the equipment and these computers and monitors can be stored at Public Works until the Association for the Blind picks them up. Mr. Richino seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The group decided that the EAC can advertise this event thru the Township website and on the Township television channel. Ms. Weremeychik offered to make a sign which can be placed in the Township building lobby advertising the details. Mr. Lamond suggested that we use the folding sandwich board signs that the Township has, to use for advertising. Ms. Ross will ask Ms. Hanel if we can use those boards, and who we should use to make the inserts particular to our event.

d. Letter to the Board of Supervisors: Mr. Suffian and Mr. Baratz asked Mr. Lamond if the EAC should submit a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting they re-evaluate if Ms. Ross may continue on the EAC Board as a member and still keep the administrative paid position for the EAC. Mr. Lamond said that the Board of Supervisors already ruled that everything should stay the same on the EAC with Ms. Ross's membership and her administrative position because one thing had nothing to do with the other. He said it did not go against the EAC Code. Mr. Lamond stated that if anyone had a problem with this, or did not understand the Boards ruling, he would be happy to talk with them. For this reason, Mr. Lamond did not feel that a letter would be necessary.

e. Equipment Purchases: Ms. Ross explained that to date, the rain barrel and Adopt A Road equipment has been purchased. She will get together with Ms. Weremeychik to decide on other equipment to be purchased.

f. Discussion of County Natural Heritage Inventory: Mr. Skinner distributed copies of the Bucks County Natural Areas Inventory to the group. He told the members that the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory has not surveyed Bucks County for the information that would be included in a search. He was wondering what other resources would be available when this information is needed for a development project. Mr. Suffian said he would contact the Heritage Conservancy and the Conservation District to obtain some information. Ms. Ross said that if a developer wants to develop a site, they

must conduct a study on there own and contact individual Wildlife agencies for information, as well as have a professional conduct field surveys.

6. Future Agenda Items: Mr. Lamond recommended that the EAC pursues the following issues:

- a. Contacting the Planning Commission to discuss issues relating to impervious surface.
- b. Take a look at invasive species within the Township and ways to deal with problem associate with them.
- c. Adjust the Street Tree Ordinance. This would include changing some spices on the list as many tree species are dying from specific diseases.
- d. Contact and have discussions with the Emerald Ash Board regarding firewood.
- e. Re-evaluate the Tree and Shrub Ordinance as it pertains to development. Mr. Skinner will e-mail the EAC a draft ordinance.

7. Adjourn: Mr. Baratz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richino. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivy Ross
EAC Vice- Chairman