



**Warrington Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting
September 7, 2011**

- 1. Call To Order, Pledge Of Allegiance:** Fred Suffian, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. Present were: Ivy Ross, Vice- Chairman; Douglas Skinner, Planning Commission, Liaison; Adele Weremeychik, Member; Nick Weremeychik, Member; Lynn Laurelli, Member; Mike Richino, Parks and Recreation Liaison; and Samantha Serratore, Associate Member. Members of the public included Rickey Benner and Kaitlyn Vollmer of the Central Bucks South Environmental Club.

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

- 2. Public Comment:** Mr. Benner introduced himself as the former president of the Central Bucks South Environmental Club and Ms. Vollmer is the current president. The students explained that the Environmental Club would like to help the WEAC in any way they can. They are attending the meeting in order to learn what kind of projects are currently underway and any ideas we have for future projects.

- 3. Approval of Minutes for August 3, 2011:**

On motion by Mr. Richino, seconded by Mr. Weremeychik, the Minutes of the August 3, 2011 meeting were approved.

- 4. Business:**

Grant for Twin Oaks Pond: Mr. Suffian updated the group on the status of the Twin Oaks Pond Grant. Ms. Meyerhof of the Heritage Conservancy asked the WEAC to hire an Engineer if we wanted to pursue the grant. We were not able to do that this year. This type of work has previously gone thru Parks and Recreation. If the WEAC wanted to pursue this, we would need to go to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Mr. Skinner reported that Mr. Bonargo said that the entire pond needs to be reconstructed. One of the aerators needs to be replaced and the other is under the dock.

Butterfly Garden: Ms. Laurelli and Ms. Serratore reported that Mr. Dane of Parks and Recreation installed a post in the Butterfly Garden for the house that Ms. Serratore constructed. Ms. Laurelli, Ms. Serratore and Ms. Ross will get together and decide when it should be installed.

Mr. Suffian suggested that we fix up the bird houses that are in the Turk Road garage and use them, possibly in the detention basins. Mr. Weremeychik suggested that they could be placed in the existing bird watch in Lower Nike. Ms. Vollmer offered that the Central Bucks South Environmental Club give them a fresh coat of paint and install them.

Warrington Carnival: Mr. Suffian said he would be available to set up at the carnival and would be able to bring two tables and some folding chairs. He will also be available all day to work the WEAC booth. Mr. and Ms. Weremeychik also will be available to set up and will bring a table and a tent. They will stay for several hours and then they will come back to break down the booth. Ms. Laurelli will be available all day to work with the Enviroscape. Ms. Serratore will come to work for the last hour.

Recognition Ceremony: The group decided to hold the annual WEAC Recognition Ceremony for Earth Day on November 2, 2011, at the beginning of the meeting. Ms. Ross will send out the invitation letters and contact Panera Bread for food donations.

Native Species Ordinances: Mr. Skinner reported that he, Ms. Laurelli and Ms. Ross as well as members of the Planning Commission attended a kick off meeting at Carroll Engineers with Mr. John Ives on September 2, 2011. Mr. Skinner expects that the draft of the ordinance will be completed by the end of September. Mr. Skinner would like the WEAC and the Planning Commission to have a special meeting and get a resolution that we all support the ordinance.

Rain Barrels: Mr. Weremeychik reported that there are now 6 completed Rain Barrels for sale. Ms. Ross said that she already has people who want to purchase them.

Ms. Ross will contact Mr. Sames and ask him to continue collecting barrels from local car washes.

Purchases for Next Year: Ms. Weremeychik made a motion that we purchase 20 small diverters. The group agreed that this purchase should not exceed \$500.00. Ms. Serratore seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Suffian made a motion that we purchase 250 storm drain labels at a price of \$500.00. Ms. Weremeychik seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Ms. Weremeychik made a motion that we purchase 15 posters for "Thank You" posters for Earth Day as well as the certificates for the Recognition Ceremony, not to exceed \$200.00. She also suggested we make a motion for \$50.00 to cover the cost of laminating the posters. Ms. Serratore seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Mr. Richino agreed to speak with someone from Parks and Recreation regarding the cost of an 18" x 24" interpretative sign for the Butterfly Garden.

- 5. Future Agenda Items:** Ms. Serratore asked the group if the WEAC would be interested in setting up a Facebook page where we can advertize our upcoming events. Everyone

thought that would be a great idea. Ms. Serratore will proceed with creating it. Ms. Weremeychik offered to help.

Ms. Serratore also explained that she is a member of the National Honor Society (NHS) and they are always looking for projects to do in which they can earn community service hours. She will bring this up at their next NHS meeting.

- 6. Adjourn:** Mr. Richino made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 pm. Ms. Serratore seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivy Ross
Vice-Chairman, EAC