



**Warrington Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting
August 8, 2012**

- 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:** Fred Suffian, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM. Present were: Ivy Ross, Vice-Chairman; Nick Weremeychik, Member; Todd Baratz, Secretary; and Fred Gains, 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 June 6, 2012:**

Mr. Baratz pointed out that under # 4. a. it should read, Mr. Baratz made a motion, not mad a motion.

On motion by Mr. Baratz and seconded by Mr. Weremeychik, the amended Minutes of the June 6, 2012 meeting were approved.

- 4. Business:**

- a. Guinea Lane and Green Ridge Road Basin:** Mr. Suffian reported that Mr. Josh Jordan will be presenting the Guinea Lane and Green Ridge Road Basin project to the Board of Supervisors on August 28, 2012. Ms. Ross will attend to represent the WEAC.

Mr. Suffian discussed, that in order to complete the project, this basin could use some additional shrubs. He believes that this would be a good use of WEAC funds, if there is enough available. The group agreed that this would be a good idea. Ms. Ross will inquire as to how much money is available in the budget and will report the balance at the September meeting. Mr. Suffian will look into the approximate number of shrubs needed to complete the project.

Mr. Baratz made a motion that if the funds are available, the WEAC should spend up to \$1,000.00 to complete the planting. Mr. Gains seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The group also decided it would give special recognition to Mr. Josh Jordan at our Earth Day Recognition Ceremony. Ms. Ross also suggested that the Fall Link

article focus on the Guinea Lane and Green Ridge Road Basin. All members agreed.

- b. Future Service Projects for National Honor Society:** Members of the Central Bucks South National Honor Society would like to volunteer in August, prior to the beginning of the school year, in order to earn more hours. Ms. Ross suggested building Wood Duck Houses and additional maintenance of the Rain Garden and Butterfly Garden as well as the Naturalized Detention Basins.
- c. Kevin Green- Service Hours:** Ms. Ross explained that a student named Kevin Green is interested in working on projects for service hours for the WEAC. Mr. Green is a student at William Tennent High School and heard about some of our ongoing projects and is very interested in what we are doing. Ms. Ross will be meeting with him in the next week to discuss cleaning up and maintaining the Township and Guinea Lane Basins. She will also ask him to look into alternative designs for building compost bins. The current design does not appear to be working as well as hoped.

Mr. Weremeychik suggested purchasing a cordless string trimmer for doing some of the maintenance in the detention basins. Mr. Baratz made a motion that the WEAC spend up to \$150.00 on a cordless string trimmer for use by the WEAC. Mr. Gains seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Weremeychik will research the choices.

- d. Gold Award- William Penn Tree:** Ms. Ross discussed that Miss Kaitey Hallowell has gotten her project approved by the Girl Scouts. She has meet with Mr. Eyre's, an Arborist and Professor at Delaware Valley Community College about what can be done concerning the Historic William Penn Tree at the corner of County Line and Folly Roads. Mr. Eyre's told Miss Hallowell that it would be very helpful if she would get the tree listed on the Big Trees of Pennsylvania listing. He also discusses the best way for her to propagate the acorns. If this tree does not produce acorns this year, she has found a tree of the same species, also very old, that has been consistently producing acorns to work with.
- e. Rain Barrels and Composters:** Mr. Weremeychik discussed the fact that the sample composter he has been using is not working properly. Mr. Suffian agreed that his is not working as hoped either. It was discussed as to whether sheet metal or tin, such as a flashing, installed on the inside of the barrel would work better. The current design uses the plastic barrel flap attached with hinges in the cut hole of the barrel. This plastic has warped over time causing the composite to fall out of the barrel when spun. Mr. Weremeychik will continue to research a better alternative.

There are still about 7 rain barrels left for sale. The WEAC will plan to build more rain barrels at Warrington Day. Ms. Weremeychik has agreed to update the sign in the Township lobby to reflect the new price of \$30.00 per barrel.

- f. Warrington Day:** Ms. Ross reported that Warrington Day will be held on September 7 - 9, 2012 at Valley Square. She has filled out all of the appropriate paper work and submitted it to the Township. Ms. Ross has requested a spot in front of the old Boarders in order to access electricity for building rain barrels.

Mr. Suffian and Mr. Weremeychik will bring the tables and chairs and Mr. Weremeychik will also bring a tent for shade. Ms. Ross will talk to someone from Public Works about transporting the unmade barrels to Valley Square.

In order to schedule who will be at the WEAC booth it was determined that:

Ms. Ross will be available all day.
Mr. Suffian will check his availability.
Mr. Gains is available from 12-2 PM.
Mr. Baratz will check his availability.
Mr. and Ms. Weremeychik will be available if they are in town.

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

- 6. Adjourn:** Mr. Baratz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Mr. Weremeychik seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivy Ross
Vice-Chairman, EAC