

**Abington Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2015**

Call to Order: 7:34 In attendance: Jennifer Sherwood, Cakky Evans, Michele Kaczalek, Susan Myerov, Andrea Soo, John Sorrentino, Karin McGarry-Rosen

Minutes: The June 10, 2015 minutes were approved.

Chairperson's Report: The report was accepted.

Secretary/ Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Administration: The report was accepted. Jennifer Sherwood requested that a summary of the meeting with Paul Macht be prepared and sent to him for his review.

Energy and Sustainability: The report was accepted.

Land Planning: The report was accepted.

Public Relations: The report was accepted.

Watersheds, Storm Water, Restoration: the report was accepted as modified.

Active Business: **STAR** – Cakky Evans reported that Rita and Glen Stevens will work on the STAR Natural Systems mapping requirements. Cakky and John Sorrentino will work on the remaining eight. She will contact Dave Schram for assistance on STAR's Built Environment. Cakky will continue to enlist EAC and Associate members to cover STAR reporting objectives as needed. Cakky spoke with Drew Shaw of the Montco Planning Commission about municipalities sharing best practices for green building incentives.

Rain Barrel Program – Sue Myerov will present at the July 18th workshop at the ATPSTC. She will provide handouts and possibly some coupons for the attendees. The Youth Aid Panel will prepare the rainbarrels this Saturday, July 11th.

Montgomery Award – Michele Kaczalek summarized status for tomorrow's award. A list will be distributed specifying the items still needed and confirmed that Commissioner Markman will do the presentation.

Pre-Night Out – Assignments, themes and activities were reviewed and finalized. A new addition will be a “Water Wheel” quiz. John will obtain and update the wheel. Members then discussed the content and number of fliers to hand out that night. Sue volunteered to provide several TTF brochures and possibly a watershed map. Cakky and Sue will design and create a “Go Green Card” to hand out, listing future workshops and events. Attendees would earn points for prizes and discounts for going green. The Energy Expo, Clean up events and Bike Plan meetings were a few of the items mentioned to be included on the card which would be handed out August 3, 2015.

Abington Township Paper Shredding – Cakky and Jenn will hand out fliers this Saturday from 9AM to 12PM. Peanut butter and jelly donations will be collected.

New Business:

Penn Environment – Cakky requested that members contact Senator Casey and voice their support for the Clean Water Rule. She would like to see the ASD or Abington Friends Parent Council promote CHOP Pediatric Nurse Hannah Ryan as a guest speaker on climate change health issues.

USGBC – Cakky will draft a thank you to BBNC and the ASD for applying to the USGBC’s Center for Green School’s Sustainability Curriculum Program. BBNC has been accepted as a pilot site for the program.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09

Next Meeting – August 8, 2015