

**Abington Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2015**

Call to Order: 7:35 In attendance: Jennifer Sherwood, Cakky Evans, Michele Kaczalek, Andrea Soo, Karin McGarry-Rosen,

Minutes: The July 8, 2015 minutes were approved. It was requested that the full name or title of agencies, businesses etc being referenced be included. Cakky Evans will send approved copies of the minutes to Nicholas Macelko. It was proposed that all reports be appended to the minutes and forwarded to Maria Wyrsta, starting in September.
Cakky will develop a standardized format for the reports.
Reports will continue to be due in by Midnight of the Sunday preceding the meeting date. It was proposed that agenda items be submitted by midnight of the Monday preceding the meeting date. This will be voted on in September.

Chairperson’s Report: The report was accepted.

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

Committee Reports:

Administration: The report was accepted as modified.

Energy and Sustainability: The report was accepted as modified.

Land Planning: No activity to report.

Public Relations: The report was accepted.

Watersheds, Storm Water, Restoration: After a review and discussion of the report, it was accepted as modified.

Active Business: **STAR** – Cakky reported she may have a new volunteer to work on STAR. She will send the STAR Technical Guide to Andrea Soo and John Sorrentino. Andrea will review the mapping requirements and report on what she thinks can be accomplished by February 2016. Susan Myerov, John and Cakky will meet before the next EAC meeting. Sue will contact Mark Penecale.

Rain Barrel Program – Karin McGarry-Rosen reported 106 rainbarrels have been sold and paid for this year. The next workshop will be at Collins Nursery

on September 19, 2015. Jennifer Sherwood will host a table. EAC members are asked to participate.

Earthright – Cakky will contact Paul Macht and finalize his appearance at the September 2, 2015 Public Affairs meeting.

New Business:

Go Green Rewards Card – Cakky proposed that 25 businesses be signed up. EAC members will be asked to approach 5 businesses each. A discussion followed on the format of the flier and the types of incentives to use to encourage residents to “go green” and buy local. Cakky will discuss the program with the Economic Development Committee and with Tara Wehmeyer. The finalized flier will be posted on the website.

Master Bike Plan (MBP) – Jared Lowman will be invited to attend the September 9 EAC meeting to review Abington’s MBP. EAC members should review the plan prior to the meeting.

Energy Expo – Scheduled at the Abington Library for October 29, 2015. Presenters are being contacted.

Villanova Storm Water Partnership Meeting – Cakky proposed that Sue contact George Wrigley and request he attend the meeting on October 13, 2015.

Historical Survey – Volunteers are needed to assist the Township in conducting an inventory of historic buildings in Abington.

Environmental Health forum – Cakky proposed that the EAC sponsor a forum to engage the community.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35

Next Meeting – September 9, 2015