

Abington Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes August 10, 2016

Call to Order: 7:31 pm In attendance: Jennifer Sherwood, Cakky Evans, Michele Kaczalek, John Sorrentino, Sue Myerov and Karin McGarry-Rosen

Minutes: The report was accepted with three changes.

Chairperson's Report: The report was accepted.

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

Committee Reports:

Administration: The report was accepted. John has received the required by the State Child Protective Law from all but 2 members as of this meeting.

Energy and Sustainability: The report was accepted.

Land Planning: No report was submitted this month as there were no activities on which to report.

Public Relations: The report was accepted with date correction for Tyson Avenue meeting with Pennoni.

Watersheds, Storm Water, Restoration: The report was accepted with modifications.

Current Business: **STAR Communities Program** – Cakky, Damian Fernandez (the new Penn State University – Abington Campus Chancellor) and Emily Costello (Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Senior Planner and STAR Technical Advisor) will present the Township’s 3-star STAR rating at the 8/11/16 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Cakky will be meeting with Gary Calore (PSU – Abington) to discuss a student intern position and duties to benefit the township.

Abington Pre-Night Out – The event went well and was well-attended. Good traffic at the EAC table.

Rain barrel Workshop – To be held at Collin’s Nursery on 9/24/2016 at 12 pm and 2 pm. Jenn, Sue and Karin will be attending. Karin has 2 pre-orders. The Eagle project to construct rain barrels is scheduled for 8/13 starting at 7:30 am. Jim will be there until about 10:30 am. Opportunities for another workshop were discussed. Possible locations would be another at Collins or at the Briar Bush Autumn Fest. Michele will check the date of the Fest. A thank you letter was received from the Abington Library for our donation of a rain barrel.

Energy Expo – would like to do this again in the Fall but Cakky needs to set an agenda before scheduling.

Audubon Bird Town Walks – Jenn and Michele are planning to attend. The next two Walks are scheduled for 8/16 and 8/21/2016.

New Business- Susan Harris will be attending the September EAC meeting to discuss the Growing Greener Grants and the Ethel Jordan Park grant.

John and Sue will submit comments in support of the Shade Tree Commission regarding the Tyson Avenue Project to Pennoni Engineers and will copy Mike Powers.

Commissioner Kalinoski spoke with Karin regarding obtaining a rain barrel for the VFW Post. He will meet with their Board before ordering one.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm

Next Meeting – September 14, 2016