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Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2009

Location: Emmaus Borough Hall

Time: 7 PM

| Members: | Municipal Representatives: |
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| Upper Milford Township | |
| William Ahlert | Dan DeLong |
| Bruce Snyder (Absent) | |
| Christi Dunning (Absent) | |
| Randy Kraft | |
| Borough of Emmaus | |
| Cari Peters | Jeff Clapper |
| Liesel Adam (Absent) | |
| Steve Baier | |
| Linda Santo | |
| Intern: Tyler Moore | |

1. April Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the past meeting were approved without amendment.

2. Earth Day Event

According to the sign-in sheets, the event was attended by over 330 people. Because many of the EAC members did not sign in, the actual number was probably closer to 350. We collected 225 bags of garbage, 16 tires, a load of scrap metal, and three Christmas trees. Suggestions were brought up on how to expand the event next year. Steve suggested that the event should include stream rehabilitation projects in the future, possibly on the Little Lehigh or the Leibert Creek. Jeff suggested that we could turn the event into a multi-day fair, with the clean-up serving as a kick-off for the festivities. Vendors or crafters could set up booths throughout Emmaus. Some percentage of profits could be used as a fundraiser for the EAC. The Main Street program and the Emmaus Arts Commission could both assist with contacting individual vendors to determine the level of interest this type of fair would attract. Possibly a radio contest could be used to name the event, which would raise public interest for the event.

Steve brought up a few glitches that occurred during the event that should be addressed for next year. For one, there was no recycling set up for all the bottles of water consumed by volunteers, which was noted by a number of the participants and left a bad impression on the people who came out. Also, a separate line for groups registering should be set up next year so that the groups can be signed in as a group and every individual is not required to sign in. We also need to warn volunteers to not enter private property. The railroad company did not receive word of our event. In the future it is important that we properly notify the railroad in order to tell the train operators to slow down while passing us.

"Work Ahead" signs would also have been useful, because the crews working on Cedar Crest were very close to fast moving traffic.

3. Board of Supervisors/Counsel Update

Bill presented our funding needs to the BOS, and they have asked for us to submit a formal request. The request for a recording-secretary has been dropped because of the difficulty in obtaining one. Interest was given in starting up a battery/motor oil recycling program, even though many garages will take in used motor oil. Linda offered to look for a home drop-off point within the Borough. Steve volunteered to deliver them to the recycling center.

4. Stream Monitoring

Bruce, Cari, and Bill plan to have a collection May 13th. The EAC has a \$1,000 check from Waste Management, and we have decided to obtain the maximum funds possible before looking at which meter to buy.

5. Public Education

The first Farmer's Market is Sunday, March 10th. Various samples of recyclable plastics and glass have been collected. The brochures from the Rodale Experimental Farm have also been updated.

6. Wellhead Protection

Eleven monitoring wells are in place monitoring the Cintas spill, which are being used to determine the direction of groundwater flow to see if any treatment is required. Collaboration with data modelers is now underway to assess the situation.

7. Upcoming Events

Farmer's Market – May 3rd
Hydromania – May 13th
Watershed Awareness – May 20th
Lehigh Valley EAC Conference – Undecided

8. PA Cleanwater – GIS Mapping

The issue was originally tabled because Christi was not present, but a discussion on GIS mapping started. The technology is a mapping system that allows for different layers of a computer generated map to be applied, representing different features of the land (riparian zones, grade, forest, etc.) After discussion, it was agreed that this technology would not be particularly useful to the EAC, and a special meeting would not need to be scheduled.

9. Committee Vacancies

Cari Peters is selling her house in Emmaus on May 15th and is moving into Salisbury Townships. This means she will no longer be an official part of the Emmaus/UM EAC. She expects to continue to participate in EAC activities, but her seat will be empty. Bill asked her to send him a notice reminding him of this change.

Next Meeting

Location: Borough of Emmaus

Date: June 22, 2009

Time: 7 PM