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Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2009

Location: Emmaus Borough Hall

Time: 7 PM

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

1. Welcome New Member

Nora Goldstein, an Emmaus Borough resident, has filled the open vacancy on the EAC, as approved by the Emmaus Borough Council. Nora is an editor at Biocycle, and is also involved in recycling programs locally and statewide.

2. Approve July Meeting Minutes

Nora Goldstein's name was misspelled in the last meeting's minutes, and was corrected. Other than that, they were approved without amendment.

2. Old business

No old business was discussed.

3. Comments on draft Source Water Protection Plan for Emmaus

The Council was impressed overall by the project, but some members were concerned over the chart of potential sources of contamination (PSOCs). Some of the sites that had been officially closed by the state Department of Environmental Protections were

assigned the highest risk ranking in table 3.1. Some members were also disappointed at the lack of property address information on the PSOC table, making the data difficult to analyze. Council members also suggested some sites may be missing from the report, such as the dumpsite referenced at an earlier meeting where drums of material were reportedly buried, and the Archaeus site. It was recommended that the list be posted in the Emmaus Public Library for long-time residents to review so they can provide any information they recollect about sites that are listed, or those that are missing from the list. The group discussed next steps for the project, such as having a public release of the document, perhaps in the form of an abstract in the East Penn Press. Also, letters could be sent to property owners identified on the PSOC list to see what kind of response they will have to the information. More discussion planned for future meetings.

Bill Ahlert and Jeff Clapper will respond to Spotts Stevens & McCoy with the EAC's feedback on the draft report.

4. Centralized Garbage Survey

Liesel is writing a piece for the Upper Milford Township newsletter with a due date of Sept. 30th. The group discussed how to move forward with this issue, and discussion focused on how to involve the townships supervisors in the discussion and investigation. The group discussed presenting the issue formally to the supervisors and possibly acquiring bids from haulers to use as examples in this presentation. Also, some hard numbers of the fees associated with centralized trash service could possibly refute some arguments. The group also agreed that if the supervisors were not interested in pursuing this issue further, then the Council should ask the supervisors for direction to understand what they would like the group to concentrate on.

Bill Ahlert will follow up with Dan DeLong about his thoughts on moving forward with approaching the Board of Supervisors to discuss this issue.

5. Leibert Creek Water Quality Monitoring

Steve Baier presented minutes from an August meeting with the City of Allentown and other EACs on stream monitoring efforts in the region. In addition to the monitoring currently under way by the Emmaus & Upper Milford EAC, Lower Macungie and Longswamp townships' EACs are interested in developing stream monitoring programs. Steve reported that most of the meeting was focused on the Lehigh County Conservation District's new stormwater monitoring initiative, as presented by Rebecca Kennedy, and whether the EACs can be involved in that program. Because of the requirements of Rebecca's program, which is focused on collecting samples following rain events, the group felt it may be more appropriate to assign a borough or township staff member to serve in this capacity, as they can be "on call" to collect samples more reliably than the volunteers serving on the EACs. Brian Miller, Upper Milford Township's sewage enforcement officer, was identified as a possible candidate to fill this role.

Regarding the EAC's monitoring effort for the Leibert Creek, the group discussed purchasing the Acorn DO-6 meter, which would measure dissolved oxygen (DO) in percent saturation and parts per million, as well as temperature.

Cari Peters will check prices to see if she can get a slightly better deal through her company.

The council also discussed walking the length of the Leibert Creek and taking pictures of the stream bank erosion to have it recorded as a visual assessment and to help identify future project areas.

6. Possible Funding Sources

Off the agenda, possible ways in which the EAC could raise some funds for itself were discussed. Although the group cannot sell anything that directly competes with farmer's market produce, a lemonade or popcorn stand would be acceptable. **Bill requested that this be added to the agenda for next meeting.**

7. Public Education and Outreach

Farmers market Sept. 6th is being covered by Bruce, Liesel and Nora. Heritage Days are taking place on Sept. 12th, and Linda, Nora, and Bill have volunteered to attend.

8. New Business

Bill expressed a wish to have a more formal introduction of guests at each meeting, so everyone knows who is in attendance. Also, he would like each member to develop an area of specialty for the future, so that each member will be able to contribute more to the group.

Next Meeting

Location: Upper Milford
Date: September 28, 2009
Time: 7 PM