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Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2009

Location: Upper Milford Township

Time: 7 PM

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

1. New Agenda / Meeting Format

Going forward, the agenda will be limited two or three main items to focus on.

2. February Meeting Minutes

Approved

3. Earth Day 2009 April 25 (Jeff & Liesel)

- Update on plans
Jeff is estimating about 150 people. He will bring two trucks, and will provide water, soda, and gloves. EAC members will arrive at 8:00 am. Volunteers are expected to start arriving at 8:30 for 9:00 am deployment.

- 6 cleanup sites were selected. All EAC members at the meeting said they will try to attend. Some sites were tentatively assigned.

Weis Area: Ranging from the area around / behind Pizza Hut, down Main Street, in front of Weis and extending to the Turnpike overpass. (Cari)

Main Street Emmaus: Starting at the Pizza Hut and working toward the Triangle. We do not expect to find a lot of trash on this route, so a smaller group would be sufficient, after other routes are covered.

Emmaus Borough Hall Railroad Tracks: Working the steep bank across the tracks from the Borough Hall and running west toward 5th Street (Linda)

Seem Farm: This is a good site for a smaller group (10 people or so)

Camp Olympic / Indian Creek Road: The entrance area for the Camp Olympic property, along Cedar Crest Blvd and down Indian Creek Road.
Vera Cruz: Starting at the main intersection in town, traveling in both directions on Main Road. (Randy)

- Storm drain stenciling
6 kits are available. If there are sufficient volunteers for cleanup, groups of 4 will be offered stenciling assignments. Volunteers will practice stenciling on plywood, and provided maps. One member of the stenciling team will carry a bag to pick up trash and recyclables along the way.

Action Items:

- Christi will ask Perk for 5 to 6 jugs of coffee
- Cari will put together signs and maps for each site, and attach to sticks to help assemble the groups
- Steve will coordinate with Tyler to make up shirts. There may be a cost to each EAC member, which will be less than \$10 each.
- Linda will bring plywood to for stenciling practice
- Need maps from Jeff for stenciling assignments

4. Leibert Creek Water Quality Monitoring (Steve)

- Review test results and 2009 sample collection schedule

Steve and Bill met with Sherry Henneborn from Water Resources and the RSVP group. Sherry took notes at the meeting, which Steve will email to EAC members. Going forward, we will coordinate our sampling with the RSVP group, which collects monthly on the 2nd Thursday. For completeness, we need to add air temperature and water temperature to our monitoring data. Results need to be collected for one year to be conclusionary. The EAC can also be included in the RSVP insurance program. Steve recommended updating a GIS map with the water data. Dan noted that the LCA has the mapping.

- Funding for Water Quality Meter

We have a grant for \$1K available. As it has been difficult to obtain other funding, the group agreed that we should try to obtain an acceptable meter with the funding currently in place.

Action Item: Steve, Cari and Bill will get together to select a meter.

5. Public Education & Outreach (Linda & Cari & Christi)

- Status of display board redesign
Theme of display board will be Recycle, Reduce, Reuse. Will emphasize less well known types of recycling, such as rubber tires into playground material, glass into mulch, socks into potholders, local recycling resources etc. Samples will be tacked to the board. Samples will include compost (before and after)
- Inventory / supply of fliers & other handouts
Linda reported that it has been difficult obtaining printed copies of handouts, as organizations are now charging for them. However, she has obtained PDFs for many of them. Cari offered to print them at her office.

Action Items:

- Linda will send PowerPoint version of signs for the board to Cari for printing and laminating before the next meeting.

- Cari will ask Terra Cycle for worm composting samples for the board
- Linda will send PDFs of handouts to Cari for printing
- Liesel will bring 'Blue Thumb' stickers to give out
- Linda will print out 'One with the Earth' stickers to give out.
- Steve will send Linda a recipe for 'compost tea' to post.

6. Upcoming Events / Schedule of EAC Activities (Liesel)

The Farmers Market opens on Sunday, May 3. The EAC will be there the first Sunday of every month through November. Liesel passed around the 2009 calendar for members to signup.

7. New Business

- Hosensack Conservation Action Plan
Dan reported that the Hockensack creek goes to Upper Milford. One landowner (in Lower Milford) owns one mile of the creek. Members may contact Dan for more information if interested.
- PA Clean Water Campaign
Christi will look into this.
- GIS Review
Someone from Hanover will be at the Longswamp Twp EAC April meeting to give a demo of GIS mapping. Contact Diana.erncy@rodale.com for details. Liesel offered a demo at her office if anyone is interested.
- Draft Saucon Creek Watershed Management Plan - Comment Period thru 4/17
Plan is available at www.lehighconservation.org. We are part of this watershed.
Randy will look into this.
- WREN Grant Partnership w/ Saucon Creek Watershed Association
The Saucon Creek Watershed Association asked us to 'partner' with them, basically agreeing to distribute newsletters, literature, etc at our events. All members present were in favor.
- EAC Update at Borough (4/20) & Township (5/7) Meetings
Members are invited to join Bill if possible.
- Other?
A letter was received from the Boro of Emmaus regarding contamination at the former Emmaus Auto Parts Store. This was forwarded to members via email.

Meeting concluded at 9:10 pm.

8. Next Month's Meeting Agenda

- Earth Day wrap up
- Finish planning events for the year
- Recycling board
- Literature and handouts
- Wellhead testing update from Jeff

Next Meeting

Location: Borough of Emmaus

Date: April 27, 2009

Time: 7 PM