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Meeting Minutes
 September 28, 2009
 Location: Upper Milford Township
 Time: 7 PM

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

1. Approve August Meeting Minutes

2. Old business

No old business was discussed.

3. Source Water Protection Plan for Emmaus

The Council was interested in the status of publication of the updated plan. Will there be new or additional recommendations in the plan that will need to be implemented? What role will the EAC have in continued implementation? Will education continue to be a major focus of the plan? Will issues such as potential sources of contamination be targeted for evaluation/education? Jeff was absent from the meeting therefore an update of plan status could not be provided.

Action: *Liesel will be the point person from the council to work with Jeff and identify and prioritize action items.*

4. **Centralized Garbage Survey**

The group discussed the next steps to be taken concerning the survey completed over the summer. The issue of approaching the BOS with the results and recommendations was discussed. It was agreed that a article would be written to convey the results of the survey to township residents and education would continue to be the primary focus. Since the origin of the issue was a review of the burn ordinance and concerns that residents did not have a good understanding of the potential health impacts associated with the burning of garbage. Additional education on the impacts of open burning and research in to possible incentives to encourage recycling and use of private garbage collection over burning. Brain Holtzhafer indicated that Emmaus was currently re-bidding their garbage collection contract and he would see if a copy of the bid request and responses could be provided for council members to review and become familiar with the contract provisions. Eventually, a pros and cons article could be written and published in the township newsletter.

Randy Kraft will lead this imitative and prepare an article presenting the results of the centralized garbage survey. Future articles on open burning, municipal waste collection programs, and burning/garbage management alternatives will be considered.

5. **Leibert Creek Water Quality Monitoring**

The City of Allentown and RSVP have agreed to coordinate all future sampling events on the Leiberts Creek with their sampling of the Little Lehigh. RSVP has agreed to collect samples from our monitoring points every other month and drop the samples off with Peter's laboratory and with the City of Allentown for testing. Cari Peters has also agreed to test samples for RSVP.

A follow up meeting with the representatives from the Long Swamp and LMT EACs has been scheduled. Bill will be attending the meeting to discuss coordinating

monitoring with their groups in order to get additional monitoring points within the watershed for the Little Lehigh.

The TMDL study being coordinated by the Lehigh County Conservation District (Rebecca Kennedy) will be tracked and UMT is assisting with providing volunteers for sampling events that will be established on short notice. Additionally, a request will be made to get copies of the information developed by that study.

Cari Peters and Bill Ahlert will complete the next sampling event in coordination with the City of Allentown and RSVP. Bill Ahlert will attend a meeting with representatives from Long Swamp and LMT EACs. A lead for this initiative will be identified at our next meeting of the EAC.

6. Possible Funding Sources

Brian Holtzhafer recommended that a funding request be made to Borough Council while they are in the process of establishing the budget for next year. He indicated that, although funds are tight, Council may approve a limited annual fund to assist the EAC with their initiatives. Dan DeLong also thought it would be good idea to submit a joint request to Borough Council and the BOS.

Bruce will draft a joint letter and Bill will work with Bruce to distribute letters to Emmaus and UMT.

7. Public Education and Outreach

Farmers market October 4th is being covered by Liesel, Nora and Bill. Volunteers for November 1st are still needed.

The LV EAC conference is scheduled for Saturday November 7th, Liesel is planning to attend. Members are encouraged to attend if their schedules permit.

Planning for 2010 needs to get underway. With over 350 participants in 2009, it is imperative that better organization and planning occur in 2010. A subcommittee will be established at our November meeting, members that are interested in volunteering for the subcommittee should let Bill know.

8. **New Business**

No new business was discussed.

Next Meeting

Location: Emmaus

Date: October 26, 2009

Time: 7 PM