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Joint Environmental Advisory Council

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## Meeting Minutes

December 28th, 2009

Location: Emmaus Borough Hall

Time: 7 PM

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

### 1. Approve November Minutes

A correction to the minutes was noted and an amendment version was subsequently issued.

### 2. Old business

No old business was discussed.

### 3. Comments on Source Water Protection Plan for Emmaus

Matter tabled pending input from Liesel and Jeff Clapper.

### 4. Centralized Garbage Survey

There were no comments on the recent article in the township newsletter, but no comments were solicited within the article. Randy is going to develop an article on burn ordinances for spring newsletters.

A copy of the contract documents developed by the Borough of Emmaus as part of the recent rebidding of garbage service for the Borough have not been obtained to date. Ahlert mentioned that the County Solid Waste Advisory Committee is obtaining copies of bid and contract documents used in NJ township negotiations. NJ municipalities separate the bidding process into separate transport and disposal contracts, so if the tipping fees at the landfill go down during the term of the contract the savings can be passed on to the municipality. It also allows the municipality to negotiate more favorable rates with the landfill, not having to rely on the hauling company. Once copies of these documents are made available to the committee Ahlert will get copies to the group for review.

**Action Item: Obtain copies of bidding/contracts documents from Lehigh County SWAC**

**5. Leibert Creek Monitoring**

A monitoring event was completed in December by Cari and Steve is scheduled to complete the January event. The Longswamp folks were not able to collect data during the December event, but are planning to coordinate with Cari to collect samples in January. Bill volunteered to complete the February sampling event, scheduled for February 11.

There has not been any movement on acquiring a meter for field testing. Steve to follow up with Cari and make a decision on a meter that can be acquired for the \$1,000 we have.

**Action Item 1: Bill to complete sampling on February 11.**

**Action Item 2: Steve to contact Cari about the status of water quality meter purchase.**

**6. Education/Outreach**

The group discussed ways to get more input on technical issues and from our elected officials. Randy suggested that a press release be prepared that solicits involvement of township and borough residents that have specialized expertise that would benefit the EAC. The group agreed that would be a good idea and Randy volunteered to prepare a draft release and submit it to Bill for review.

The group also discussed the need to have greater interaction with BOS and Council members, so it was agreed that EAC members would attend regular meetings of the BOS and Council. Information presented at those meetings would be reviewed by the group each month to determine if there are issues we might suggest our involvement. Additionally, attending BOS and Council meetings will provide the EAC with more exposure to our elected

officials and promote more dialogue between the groups. A calendar was reviewed and meeting coverage discussed.

**Action Item 1: Randy to develop a press release to solicit local experts.**

**Action Item 2: EAC members to circulate calendar and identify BOS and/or Council meetings they can attend.**

## 7. **Funding**

We have heard nothing relating to the budget requests made to Borough Council and the BOS.

**Action Item: Bill will follow up with Dan and Craig to determine the status.**

## 8. **Earth Day 2010**

Christi and Nora met with Jeff Clapper to discuss coordination of Earth Day. The cleanup will be scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) and fliers will be prepared so that the word gets out earlier this year. The location of event registration was discussed. Due to traffic and crowd concerns it was decided to have the registration in the park this year. A letter will be drafted by Nora that can be sent to Borough Council to request use of the pavilion at the park. The group needs to start identifying locations for cleanup activities and also for other activities that can be completed on Earth Day. Christi and Nora will start talking to organizations that have donated materials, services and food in the past. The idea of inviting the local boy scouts to bring their food cart so that cleanup participants can get hot dogs and other food and the group will not have to solicit food from the local eateries. With so many people participating feeding them all is a problem and this could benefit the local boy scouts.

**Action Item 1: Nora to submit request to Council to reserve park space.**

**Action Item 2: Bill to provide Nora and Christi last years' flier so a new flier can be developed and distributed.**

## 9. **Election of Officers**

Tabled until January meeting.

## **Next Meeting**

Location: Emmaus Borough Hall

Date: December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009

Time: 7 PM