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## Meeting Minutes

November 23rd, 2009

Location: UMT

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	Jeff Clapper (Absent)
Steve Baier (Absent)	
Linda Santo (Absent)	
Nora Goldstein	
<b>Intern: Tyler Moore</b>	

### 1. Approve November Minutes

Minutes were approved without amendment.

### 2. Old business

No old business was discussed.

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

The council agreed that the list of possible sources of contamination (PSOC's) should be left alone for now, but that it should be made publically available so that borough citizens can call attention to PSOC's if they wish. The council also was of the opinion that we should present the plan to the Borough Council as it will be useful when making zoning decisions. It was

brought up that although the plan was required to identify new water sources; the proposed hookup up with Salisbury provided too little water to be feasible.

**Action Item: Determine time to present WPP to Borough Council**

**4. Centralized Garbage Survey**

Randy Kraft has volunteered to take responsibility for articles focused on the topic, and will obtain schedules for both the Borough and Township newsletters in order to cover both publications. He will develop a survey to get a feel for the public opinion on banning open burning of trash. Additionally, the group discussed reviewing the bid and if available, the contract documents developed by the Borough of Emmaus as part of the recent rebidding of garbage service for the Borough.

**Action Item: Obtain copies of bidding/contracts from Emmaus**

**5. Leibert Creek Monitoring**

A monitoring event is scheduled for the week of the November 30<sup>th</sup>. Longswamp was not able to collect data at the last event, but is still interested in continuing their project. The Longswamp representatives have been in touch with Cari concerning having her test their samples, they are hoping to complete the December event.

There has not been any movement on acquiring a meter for field testing. Bill will follow up with Steve and Cari as to the status of this initiative.

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

**6. Education/Outreach**

Randy reported back from the EAC conference, saying that it consisted of a lot of advice sharing on how to become an effective EAC. It seemed the consensus was that it's important to develop a relationship with the governing body that created your EAC. As far as public outreach is concerned, it was stressed that presenting the economic as well as environmental plusses. For instance, private wells can save a household \$600-1,000 per year over public water supply. This led to a discussion about possible projects which might be considered in the future:

- Cleaning up debris in Leibert Creek
- Participating in erosion control projects

- Attending council/BOS meetings on a rotating basis to make sure there is good communication between the EAC and the representing municipality, each member of the EAC would attend 6 meetings a year for the communities they represent.

Another suggestion that came from the conference was to put together a list of local experts that can be consulted by the EAC without having them attend every meeting. Bill is strongly against the EAC publically taking a position on technical issues without proper understanding, this could help the group obtain the proper science/knowledge before opining on sensitive issues.

Bill is attending the Lower Macungie EAC Conference at the Allentown Brew Works on December 9<sup>th</sup>. EAC's from all over the Lehigh Valley have been invited to meet and discuss how the groups might work together on issues such as those being supported by RenewLV, including multi-modal transportation, regional water/wastewater, regional health bureau, and alternative energy.

**Action Item 1: Identify EAC members to attend Township and Borough meetings in 2010. (Bruce can attend the Township meeting on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>)**

**Action Item 2: Randy will develop an East Penn Press article to inventory willing local experts.**

## 7. Funding

The council has heard nothing relating to their budget request from the Borough Council.

**Action Item: Bill will follow up to determine the status of the budget.**

## 8. Earth Day 2010

Council members met with Craig Neely to discuss plans for next year's Earth Day. Ideas suggested including starting at the Community Park, inviting environmental groups to set up booths to make it into a full day event, providing online registration for groups, and showing Boy and Girl Scout troop leaders locations before so they can organize beforehand. It was also suggested that we should include areas in Lower Macungie, as well as trails on South Mountain. It is possible that some volunteers could help Pool Wildlife with some trail maintenance on Earth Day also. In order to use the park, we must submit an outline of the event by February.

**Action Item 1: Develop outline of Earth Day 2010 and submit to reserve park space.**

**Action Item 2: Obtain list of volunteers from last year from Jeff.**

**Next Meeting**

Location: Emmaus Borough Hall

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

Time: 7 PM