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## Meeting Minutes

January 25th, 2010

Location: UMT

Time: 7 PM

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

### 1. Approve December 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

It was discussed that Borough Council should be updated on the amendments to the plan, this could be completed through a meeting with the health committee. The EAC also discussed the need to develop a plan for the implementation of the plan recommendations.

Liesel agreed to champion this initiative and will meet with Jeff Clapper to review the

recommendations and possible next steps to update council and establish a plan to implement the plan recommendations.

#### 4. **Open Space Committee Update**

Due to other commitments Bruce Snyder has had to step down from the open space committee. Bruce was the EAC representative on the open space committee, therefore with Bruce's departure from the committee the EAC will not be represented. Dan DeLong mentioned that he and Brian Miller routinely participate in the committee meetings and can provide updates to the EAC as needed. Therefore, there will not be a need to replace Bruce on the committee with an EAC member. Dan indicated that there was not much occurring with open space committee currently. Without a source of funding the committee is limited in the work it can complete.

#### 5. **Newsletter Articles and Press Releases**

Randy distributed a press release with a request for interested persons with applicable expertise to contact the EAC if they had interest in volunteering time to provide the EAC with technical support and/or to assist on the various initiatives being pursued by the EAC. The press release was provided to the East Penn Press, Morning Call and Emmaus Main Street Program. It is also being provided to Emmaus Borough and Upper Milford Township for their newsletters.

A press release on the Earth Day event was provided to the Main Street Program coordinator (Terry Madison) for the programs newsletter.

Upper Milford will not be having a newsletter this spring but distributing a map of the township that may have room for a short article, possibly an article on open burning. It was also discussed that articles developed by the EAC can be placed on the Township web site on the EAC link.

For the Boroughs spring newsletter the group discussed possible an article on source water protection plan and/or on the recent garbage contract executed by the Borough. Information on the changes to the recycling program with the new contract could be discussed, e.g., what will be accepted and what will not be accepted under the new contract.

Randy will continue to coordinate the press releases and news articles.

#### 6. **Leibert Creek Monitoring**

Next sampling event is scheduled for February 11, Bill Ahlert has agreed to collect the samples and deliver them to Allentown and Cari Peters laboratories. Due scheduling issues samples were not collected during the last event. RSVP is scheduled to collect samples in the Leibert during the March event. The bottles have already been distributed. Long Swamp is also scheduled to collect samples from points on the Little Lehigh within their township. The samples will be analyzed by Cari Peter's laboratory, Cari has already provided the necessary bottles.

The sampling will continue to be completed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Jeff Clapper has agreed to has his folks collect flow measurements in Borough Park adjacent to the pool. The measurements will be qualitative, just rough estimates of the cubic feet per minute.

The purchase of the water quality meter is being pursued by Cari through one of her vendors. On e issue discussed was the need to have a meter that is sturdy and waterproof so that in the event the meter is dropped in to the stream it is not destroyed. Cari to check with her vendor on this and then purchase the most appropriate meter.

## **6. Education/Outreach**

Bill Ahlert was contacted by representatives from Long Swamp and Upper Macungie Township concerning the stone quarry that Jaindl was proposing to construct. There are going to be hearings and folks that are concerned about the environmental impact are looking for support and getting the EACs in the region to weigh in. Bill Ahlert is to follow up with Deana Zosky and Diana Erney on what the EACs in UMT and Long Swamp are planning and see if folks want to meet and discuss the issues surrounding the proposal.

There is a workshop on natural resource inventories on February 10, Brian Miller from UMT will be attending and it was encouraged that if folks had time they should attend. Developing a natural resource inventory can be a good tool to develop a official map and to manage development in areas that have sensitive environments, e.g., wetlands, endanger species. Currently, accurate information on the nature and extent of sensitive environments is not available and it is the responsibility of the parties pursuing development and those reviewing the plan to make sure detrimental impacts do not occur. A possible initiative for the EAC would be to conduct field reconnaissance and identify the nature and extent of sensitive environments within the township and have that information places on an official map.

The group discussed the attendance of EAC members are council and supervisor meetings. It was hoped that members from the two communities could split up the meeting dates and sit

in on meetings to make sure we are aware of the issues being addressed and also offer assistance if it makes sense. It will be difficult for members to cover all the meetings, so it was left to individuals to identify meetings they can make and then coordinate with others to cover a limited number of meetings (one a month).

It was discussed that it was important to update the EAC webpage linked to the UMT website, possibly include a face book page. Liesel will follow up with the township and look in what is possible.

**7. Funding**

UMT has allocated \$1,000 for the EAC and has another \$500 allocated for educational activities. Emmaus Borough Council has allocated \$500 for the EAC.

**8. Earth Day 2010**

Due to Nora's departure from the EAC, Linda has agreed to assist Christi with the event coordination. The park has been reserved for the event. Folks need to begin to identify areas for cleanup and stenciling. Also, any ideas for other educational activities and/or activities should be provided to Christi.

**9. Election of Officers**

Tabled

**Next Meeting**

Location: Emmaus Borough Hall

Date: February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

Time: 7 PM