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## Meeting Minutes

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010

Location: UMT

Time: 7 PM

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

### 1. **Approve February 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**

Bill spoke with Craig and Jeff concerning CINTAS matter. Jeff & Craig, along with the borough solicitor are discussing if there's anything they want to contact CINTAS about. They're aware that a decision needs to be reached soon on how to pursue this issue, but they'll leave that up to the solicitor. If Craig or Jeff needs EAC to review anything, they will contact us.

4. **Press release & Newsletter(s)**

This agenda item was tabled. The UMT map is coming out within the month & there was no room for a small article.

5. **Leibert Creek Water Quality**

Cari and Bill sampled on March 18, results from Allentown (Sherry) are back; Cari's results were also received and need to be summarized. Bill spoke to Cari about the H<sub>2</sub>O meter. Bill instructed her to proceed with the purchase. She will purchase a meter that is rugged and can measure at least a few important parameters. She will report to Bill when the purchase is made. The EAC may need to provide funds at the time of purchase. The next sampling event will be done by RSVP, the EAC is only scheduled for pickup and delivery to the labs, Steve will be completing this.

6. **EAC Outreach**

At the last Emmaus Council Meeting, the Health and Conservation Committee said that they are waiting for our EAC's input on an issue with riparian buffer ordinances, but as far as the present members knew we had not been contacted or provided any information. The next council meeting is April 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, but it may be more efficient to contact them directly about what they would like us to contribute. The Indian Creek golf course property is up for sale and they were worried that the proposed riparian buffer legislation might be too limiting and scare off potential buyers. The committee was wondering about the value of extending the buffer zones to provide greater protection.

There was discussion about the proposed baseball stadium in Community Park that is slated to use \$300,000 from the Green Future's fund. The fund is dedicated to preserving open space. Council members wondered how appropriate it is to spend money from an open space fund on a baseball stadium. Also discussed is a planned parking garage for downtown Emmaus. The garage would be behind the former Patt White building which currently is a lawyer's office and the property is for sale. The issue is in the hands of the Parks/Recreation Commission, maybe we should request information on these matters from borough council. **Possible request that Brian Holtzhafer attend an upcoming EAC meeting and update council on the status of these initiatives. Additionally, Brian could advise the group on the status of the riparian buffer ordinance matter.**

7. **Web/Blog update**

Liesel would like a link from the homepages of both the Borough and UMT to the EAC's new page. All EAC members are now administrators on the site, and she would like everyone to visit the site and leave a comment.

8. **Farmer's Market Schedule**

The first farmer's market is scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and first market the EAC is attending is May 9<sup>th</sup> (We need to get volunteers).

9. **Earth Day**

Christi and Bill met with Jeff and finalized the layout of the festivities at the park. Jeff said he will provide gloves, donuts, and water. Nestle has donated bottled water. The Wildlands will man an educational booth as will the EAC. The Lehigh Valley Food Co-op wants to set up a tent at the park, but they will be there mostly with information and not food. The Emmaus Youth Assoc. will man their concession

stand. The EAC needs to identify and finalize all clean up locations before April 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a special Earth Day Clean Up meeting April 5 at the Upper Milford Township Building. Route 100 below the Countryside needs some work as the bank material has been cut down so all the trash is exposed. There was discussion that this road may require a flag crew/truck as the traffic would be hazardous. Other areas that need work include; Chestnut to Lower Macungie along Cedar Crest, from Community Park under train bridge to around to behind Weis, Main Road West, Beck Road, and Sweetwood Road. On the 5<sup>th</sup> the council will sit down with a physical map and highlight areas that need attention and how many people each location needs.

- a. To address the issue of traffic control along Cedar Crest and the turn off to Indian Creek, Jeff can possibly provide traffic cones, maybe even men at work signs. UMT can provide those also. Orange vests are being provided by PENNDOT, as well as some gloves and vests that are left over from last year.
- b. Jeff is obtaining brightly colored duct tape that we can wrap around the tops of garbage bags that are only recyclables. Participants will be responsible for separating recyclables from trash, and these specially marked bags will be picked up by Waste Management and taken care of.
- c. Registration will take place by group, not by individual. We should have a form that includes blanks for t-shirt sizes (first come, first serve), name of the group, and number of people and then have them turn it in to registration desk. Wildlands wants us to do trail maintenance, so we should definitely get a group of people down there. **Christi should ask Maureen about South Mountain property.** Have group stay at the park to help set up after activities and possibly clean up trash if there is any. The council still needs to find out LMT's involvement. **Christi email Bill locations, Bill amend and email to Dan to put on a map.** LMT has lots of drains that need stenciling in new developments. We have four kits that we could lend out, as well as provide someone who knows what they're doing to show how to use them. **Steve talk to Jeff about areas in the Borough about areas that still need stenciling.**
- d. For the after-pickup at the park, Linda is starting our display over from scratch because everything is gone from the storage room. Bruce can store the display at his office where it won't be bothered. We could bring out the groundwater model for the park table, which is probably under Borough Hall in storage. We need to print out copies of our mission statement; **Linda let Bill know what he needs to get printed/copied.**
- e. Liesal has agreed to take over light bulbs/batteries, she will ferry them to the Hazardous Waste drop-off. **Steve should call Jeff about composting facility.**
- f. Cari's company wants to donate something, maybe they could set up a booth as well. Our event is registered with Great American Clean-Up. Donation box. Ideas for other educational activities and/or activities should be provided to Christi.

10. New Business

Steve asked for possible donations to an Environmental Recognition Award at EHS, that would go towards recognizing a student who shows interest in the environmental sciences and service.

**Next Meeting**

Location: Emmaus Borough Hall

Date: April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Time: 7 PM