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Meeting Minutes

February 22nd, 2010

Location: Emmaus Borough hall

Time: 7 PM

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

1. Approve January Minutes

Minutes were approved without amendment.

2. Old business

No old business was discussed.

3. Comments on Source Water Protection Plan for Emmaus

A copy of a letter from Cintas to the DEP was brought to the attention of the council and was discussed. The spill is not currently a health hazard, as homeowners in the area are on public water. Cintas has proposed to conduct a source study on the site to try to pinpoint who the waste came from, but speaking from personal experience Bill does not believe that this will yield any valid results. To several members, it seemed that Cintas is doing this only to

distribute the blame over a larger number of people and hopefully pay a smaller percentage of the cleanup costs. The Borough paid the initial cost to install the filtration system, and will pay for subsequent maintenance and power costs unless other parties can be identified as the responsible parties. The Borough is not currently pursuing legal action, which may be because of a lack of funds to start the legal case.

Action Item: Bill talk to Jeff and Greg about the situation

4. Articles & Press Release

There has been no response so far to the request for volunteer experts. UMT is not putting out a spring newsletter, but instead are producing a map that might have room for a small article in the margins. The article could possibly include the dates for the EAC household hazardous waste cleanup day.

Action Item: Randy will check our options for publishing an article on the map with Dan.

5. Leibert Creek Monitoring

The last monitoring event was cancelled due to the blizzard, meaning there hasn't been a sampling event completed for the past two months. Bill will make sure to have a schedule of future events in order to notify those involved. Steve will be conducting the next event. Cari has the money to buy the meter, but so far there has been no confirmation that the purchase has been made.

Action Item: Bill to check on the sampling schedule and follow up with the sampling crew and follow up with Cari about the meter purchase.

6. Education/Outreach

Bill provided the council with an update about the Jaindl Quarry site. Apparently the owner of the site took back his threat to turn the land into a quarry.

Members of the council responded with interest to the National Resource Inventory Workshop, which would help gain a more accurate picture of our local natural resources from first-person observations. This project could help protect wetlands and other fragile areas from development. Bill will follow up with Dan and Bryan Miller about the workshop to see if the township plans to have a representative participate.

Bill will talk to Dan to get a schedule of presentations to the Board of Supervisors so we can continue to attend these important meetings.

Liesel presented the idea of hosting our own webpage. Currently our page is buried deep in the Borough website and having a stand-alone site could increase traffic and exposure. She will be talking to a website developer about her own company's site this week and will ask him about ballpark figures for creating an EAC site. She will report back next meeting.

The Center for Faith and Life has invited members of the EAC to present from 9:45 to 10:40 on April 11th to their congregation. Bill and Liesel volunteered their time and will follow up with Barbara from the Center about which topics to present. Bill also advised that we should forward the Earth Day Cleanup flyer to them for a bit of added publicity.

Action Item: Bill talk to Dan and Brain about participation in the Natural Inventory Workshop.

Action Item: Bill to follow up with Barbara from the Center for Faith and Life concerning topics that can be presented to their membership.

Action Item: Liesel talk to web developer about prices for establishing a standalone website for the EAC.

7. **Earth Day 2010**

The entire park is reserved for Earth Day 2010, and the Emmaus Youth Assoc. is on track to provide a lunch cart for the volunteers. The Wildlands has asked for some volunteers to help with trail maintenance, so we should get an estimate as to how many volunteers they would need. Wildlands will also have an exhibit at 1:00 at the park. The council began identifying locations that needed cleanup, and so far the Weis parking lot and surrounding area, train tracks (Bill is going to call Jeff about letting the rail company know), Camp Olympic area, and Pool Wildlife are potential spots. Bryan Evans from Lower Macungie Township wants to participate also, so storm-drain stenciling and trash pickup in the LMT area are possible. The Emmaus Arts Commission wants to have a poster design contest for the event. The consensus was to add a line onto the Earth Day flyer we created telling people to bring posters with the theme of "Earth Day" to the park after the event and they will be judged. To-be-decided prizes will be awarded after the judging. Perhaps next year we could get schools involved in the competition, but it's not realistic for it to happen this year. Other events possible for the park include our display from the farmer's market and the LV Zoo exhibit. Like last year, PennDOT will provide the trashbags for the garbage, but after the embarrassing recycling issue last year, it's been decided to have bags for recyclables and

garbage. Randy will write an article about the contest in the East Penn Press, and place the event in the Community Calendar. He has also volunteered to respond to the responses to the trash pickup article, so the people know their opinions have been heard.

The group also agreed to meet on April 5th to finalize event program and logistics.

Action Item: Bill talk to Dan about pickup sites, call Jeff about the railroad, and talk to Brian about possible LMT participation.

Action Item: Randy write article for EPP about poster contest and respond to trash pickup.

Next Monthly Meeting

Location: UMT

Date: March 22nd, 2010

Special meeting for Earth Day 2010

Location: UMT

Date: April 5th, 2010

Time: 7 PM