

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD (E.A.B)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

The Plymouth Township Environmental Advisory Board held its meeting at the Plymouth Township Municipal Building at 7:00 pm, in the Engineering Conference Room A. All Board Members were present except Carolyn Nickels and Tom Sigafoos.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The May minutes were approved after a motion by Walt and seconded by Mike.
We welcomed Dave Kavalow-Huie as a new member of the EAB this month.

- Events Review / Planning

The 20th anniversary Plymouth Twp day was held Sat. June 4 at Plymouth Valley Park. Rick reported that it was the 3rd best turnout for a township day. There were 44 vendor booths.

Harriet Wetherill clean up day July 27.

- New Business

a. Go Green Award - The board nominates REI for this award. They have participated in Harriet Wetherill activities.

b. PECO Green Region Grant award - Applied for a matching grant to be awarded this Fall. This will be for an aerator for the pond, benches and educational signage for East Plymouth Valley Park. A similar award was received in a previous year for Harriet Wetherill park

c. Township building heat pump replacement - Replaced two units in the police wing. Two more units are being analyzed for replacement. A future replacement will be in the maintenance garage. Five have been replaced since January.

d. Received approval to place solar parking lighting in JFK park.

e. 2011 Goals

Mike

- Researched plan for bike path north beyond Chemical Rd & Germantown. Will need a new design to cross Germantown and continue. We can contact Ron Albrecht at Montgomery trails to get status in the future.
- Bike racks cost \$600-800 installed. Has a brochure to hand out to businesses.
- Working on bus route map for Plymouth Twp.

Bill

- Great Valley Transportation Mgmt is running a bike to work pgm from May to Sept. - <http://www.gvfbiketowork.com/index.cfm>. Can ask about inclusion of Plymouth businesses next season.
- Next year can promote National Bike to work week and day in May.
- Can we survey businesses regarding recycling and ask for more detail? Rick suggested looking at Doylestown fire suppression system inspection to see if an inspection of recycling can be included. Whitemarsh is using Hough Associates to survey commercial recycling.

- Promote awareness of LEED and Passive House and Living Building programs in our Green Points programs. Bring in education on green building stds to promote and enhance the building code and to educate developers working on projects in the township.

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Dave

- Article on Terracycle he can share with group.
- Are there recycling pgms we can establish with schools?

Open discussion

- Publicize recycling of 1-6 plastics – e.g. place post-it notes on recycle bins; send reminder notes in sewer bills; add signage to trucks.
- Rick learned from Waste Mgmt recycling tour that plastic bottle caps can cause bottles to not be recycled.
- Rick noted the higher density zoning that was added to incentivize developer to build more dense housing as an offset to allow more green space.
- Trash to steam has recycling drop off 1/month – advertises in Times Herald. Includes brown/green glass, cardboard, plastic.
- Home Depot and Best Buy recycle CFL's, batteries.

Old Business

None

At 8:04, the meeting was closed with a motion from Mike and second by Walt.