



ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

July 9, 2009 @ 7:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendees: Walt Cressler, Brian Taussig-Lux, Tedman O'Hara, Marcia Tate, Brett Lester, Vivian Williams, Tyrone Glover, Brian Hall

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

- Approval of previous Meeting's Minutes – Approved no further comment

II. OUTREACH

Web Site update – The EAC website is functional and will be going live in the in mid-July. The website is being constructed with a feedback function to allow the general public to provide suggestions and share information. An announcement of the website will be incorporated into the EAC display at the Second Saturday event July 11, 2009.

July 11 Second Saturday celebration – The EAC will have a display along State Street for the Second Saturday/Bastille day celebration July 11, 2009. General information concerning the EAC will be displayed. In addition, information related to energy/water savings, the Transition Town Initiative and available tax credits for energy improvements for homeowners will be displayed by others.

III. ENERGY

- Practical Energy Solutions update – Practical Energy Solutions has completed the initial walk through of the Borough buildings and their proposal for completing the energy audit and recommendations is pending.
- SmartPower update – Borough Council approved the Memorandum of Understanding with SmartPower to install the 1 Kilowatt solar system on the Media Youth Center that is being provided by SmartPower for achieving the goal of becoming a Clean Energy Community. The announcement of the installation is pending.
- Biodiesel fuel update – Tyrone Glover (EAC) discussed the potential for establishing a biodiesel fuel program for Borough vehicles with Councilman Peter Williamson. Councilman Williamson responded favorably to the idea

and agreed to do some information gathering with the Public Works Department.

- General update on energy issues – The solar posters being created by the Sustainable Development Fund have been ordered and will be displayed at the Borough locations where solar systems have been installed once the solar posters are delivered.

IV. RECYCLING

- Residential recycling containers – The Borough is running out of residential recycling containers and needs to purchase additional containers. The EAC was asked to provide feedback on the size of the container and the institution of any fees to Borough residents for the containers. The EAC agreed to provide a recommendation once additional information has been provided concerning the typical number of containers purchased at one time, how soon that number of containers is typically depleted and the hauling contractor's ability to handle larger containers.
- Household hazardous waste recycling update – Brian Taussig-Lux contacted Sue Cordes of Delaware County about the feasibility of instituting a Borough household hazardous waste program. Sue indicated that the County program is highly regulated. The site workers must be compliant with the appropriate OSHA Hazardous Waste Operator regulations and the collections are performed under the supervision of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Consequently, the EAC will not be recommending that the Borough institute its own household hazardous waste program.
- General update on recycling issues – The annual recycling reporting information is still being compiled. The Borough will be contacting those businesses in the coming weeks that have not provided their reporting information.

V. WATER AND TREES

- General update on water issues – Vivian Williams met with the Public Works Department concerning the proper installation and operation of rain barrels installed on Borough owned buildings.

The Next Meeting Will Be Held On Thursday, September 10, 2009