



ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

November 12, 2009 @ 7:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendees: Walt Cressler, Brian Taussig-Lux, Marcia Tate, Tedman O'Hara, Brett Lester

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

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

III. OUTREACH

- Enhancements to EAC web site – Tedman has constructed an EAC website management application through Google. Tedman is still constructing user rights, etc. The transition will be complete in the coming weeks. Tedman also recommended that the EAC create a Facebook group page for the EAC. Tedman will also create the Facebook page.
- Earth Day 2010 plans – Potential activities for an Earth Day 2010 celebration were discussed.

IV. ENERGY

- SmartPower final update – Media Borough has completed the SmartPower campaign.
- Solar Panel and Posters update – The final solar system cannot be installed on the Borough garage at this time due to structural deficiencies of the building. The Borough is currently, soliciting bids for repair of the roof. The decision where to install the remaining system is on hold until the receipt of that bid.
- LED street lights report – Tedman O'Hara and Karen Taussig-Lux are researching the successes and failures of LED and induction lighting that other municipalities have experienced. More information is forthcoming.
- Waste Veggie Oil report – Peter Williamson (Council) and Ralph De Rosa (Borough Highway Department) have some remaining questions concerning the process and use of waste veggie oil as a fuel for Borough vehicles. They currently are planning a visit to Westwood, NJ to see the process and ask questions.

- DVRPC Alternative Energy Ordinance Working Group report – Tyrone Glover will be attending a workshop on writing ordinance related to alternative energy technologies sponsored by the DVRPC. Tyrone will report back out on the workshop at a later date.
- Possible initiative: Homeowner assistance with energy audits – Some members of Council have expressed support to investigate the feasibility of creating an initiative program for homeowners to conduct energy audits and implement recommendations of energy audits.

V. RECYCLING

- Recycling update
 - The new, larger residential recycling bins are in and available to Borough residents for \$5.
 - Brian Taussig-Lux contacted Sue Cordes of Delaware County to get a download on the County’s recycling program at the Courthouse. Sue informed Brian that Delaware County has implemented a robust recycling program at all County buildings in the Borough.
 - Law offices – Brian Taussig-Lux has had some contact with the Bar Association and lawyers in the Borough concerning the recycling of paper. The EAC will be providing feedback to the Bar Association with ideas for making it easier for law offices to recycle shredded paper.
- Cigarette Butt receptacles – The Borough has received cigarette receptacles to be installed at various locations.
- Reusable shopping bags – The MBA and the Fair Trade Commission are working on a reusable bag program. Marcia Tate will contact the Fair Trade Commission to see if any of the information accumulated by the EAC will be of use to them

VI. WATER

- Media Borough Hall Rain Garden Project – The Chester Ridley Crum Association and Boeing have awarded Media Borough a \$10,000 grant to construct storm water best management practice displays around the Borough Building complex.

VII. OPEN SPACE

- Friends of Houtman Park – A Friends of Houtman Park has been formed to champion the recommendations made in the previous use analysis.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- Budget – 2009 funds remain and will be used to purchase additional recycling containers for State Street. No information is available on the amount the EAC will have in the 2010 budget.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- Retreat preliminary planning - Walt Cressler has been in contact with PEC concerning resources for conducting the EAC Retreat. The PEC has a resource available to help facilitate and provide information for use during

the Retreat. Various preliminary retreat topics were discussed, including EAC short term goals and vision.

The Next Meeting Will Be Held On Thursday, January 14, 2010