

Borough of Mechanicsburg  
Environmental Advisory Council Meeting  
March 21, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Attendance:

Council: Ryder, McDermott, Humes

EAC Members: Ronald Santo, Glen Weber, Arleen Shulman, Erin Arva, Harry Baker,  
Susan Richards, Sara Nicholas

Borough Staff: Glenda Boyer

Election of Officers:

- Ronald Santo was elected Chairperson of the Council
- Erin Arva was elected Vice Chair of the Council
- Susan Richards was elected Secretary of the Council

Establishment of Meeting Date and Time

- A motion was made and approved (Arva/Weber) that the EAC will meet the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 pm, as a joint meeting with the Recycling Committee. The Environmental Advisory Council meeting will begin at 6:45.

Approval of Agenda Format

- Committee discussed placement of public comment within the agenda
- A motion was made and approved (Nicholas/Weber) to follow the agenda style used by the Recycling Committee
- Santo offered to provide a copy of Robert's Rules for the committee's reference

Guest/Public Comment

- None

Correspondence

- Regarding Letter from Commuter Services – Arva offered to write an article for the Borough newsletter about the program
- Discussion on rubber sidewalks was tabled until Council updates sidewalk specifications.
- Committee discussed the Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy meeting on March 22, 2006. Several Committee members expressed their intention to attend the meeting.

Other Business

- EAC members introduced themselves.
- Discussion on the role and limits of the EAC. Consensus that the efforts and interest of the EAC would include both environmental issues confined to the

- Borough and issues that impact the Borough's environment but have outside or multiple municipality causes such as traffic and congestion issues.
- Other discussion included the activities of the Borough Planning Commission including discussion about development of the Hess property and its impact on Cedar Run.
  - Ryder asked for ideas on controlling the amount of newspapers in plastic bags, especially the Saturday "Patriot News" advertisements, that clutter the Boroughs sidewalks
  - Humes suggested that the EAC request a subscription to the League of Women Voters "Water Policy News." Richards will follow-up.

#### Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm (Shulman/Baker)