

**Borough of Mechanicsburg**  
**Environmental Advisory Council Meeting**  
*May 2, 2006*

The EAC Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Attendance:**

Council: Ryder, McDermott, Humes

EAC Members: Ronald Santo, Erin Arva, Harry Baker, Susan Richards, Sara Nicholas

Borough Staff: Glenda Boyer

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Minutes approved Arva/Richards

**Report of Recycling Committee**

- The Recycling Committee reported that it has tabled revision of the Health and Safety Ordinance until the next meeting. The intention of the ordinance revision is to ensure that the ordinance does not prevent residents from composting in the Borough.
- The recycling committee plans to fill Arleen Shulman's vacancy. Her term runs through 12/07.
- Erin Arva will follow-up with Arleen to produce a letter to Main Street Mechanicsburg to encourage business recycling. A contest for most pro-active business recycler has been recommended.

**Guests/Public Comment**

- No public comment

**Additions to the Agenda**

- Richards suggested reminder about Mechanicsburg farmers market, particularly the environmental aspects of buying local farm products, in the Borough newsletter.

**Correspondence**

- No new correspondence.

**Borough Council Report**

- Council will accept Arleen Shulman's resignation from the Recycling Committee and the EAC. Cece Viti will be suggested as a replacement on the EAC.
- Hess farm development plan continues to be discussed in Council. The developer has revised the development plan to increase both the lot size and buffer zone size.
- EAC's role as a recommending body was discussed in the context of the development plan. Nicholas inquired when it would be appropriate to make recommendations. It was suggested that the EAC may want to look at the current sketch plan and make suggestions. Copies of the sketch plan and Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) ordinance were distributed.
- Baker provided an overview of the current sketch plan and fielded questions about the development.

- It was agreed that the EAC discuss potential recommendations regarding the Hess Farm development, during the next meeting, after members look at the sketch plans and TND ordinance.
- An additional issue regarding the Hess farm is the ownership (and maintenance) of the open space.

#### **Old Business**

- Articles for the Borough Newsletter, written by Arva and review by the Council, were approved by the group.
- Richards informed the group that “Water Policy News,” a publication of the League of Women Voters has been ordered for the Council and suggested additional web resources.
- Arva updated the group about the Central PA Clean Air Symposium.
- Nicholas informed the group that she will continue to try to schedule a representative from the PA Environmental Council for an EAC meeting to discuss their Cedar Run study and considerations for the Hess Farm property.

#### **New Business**

- It was agreed that CeCe Viti should be offered a position on the EAC to replace Arleen Shulman.
- A replacement for Recycling Committee liaison was also discussed.

#### **Adjournment**

**Next meeting June 6, 2006**