

**Borough of Mechanicsburg
Environmental Advisory Council Meeting
January 15, 2008**

Santo called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Attendance:

Borough Council Members: Linda Humes, John McDermott, Mathew Seagrist, Charlie Ryder

EAC Members: Glen Weber, Susan Richards, Ron Santo, Sara Nicholas

Borough Staff: Glenda Boyer

Visitors: Paul Garrett, John Marino, Dana & Cese Viti

Guests/Public Comment

The guests outlined tentative details of a project to collect from the community and recycle a wide variety of consumer-use batteries. The project would be a fund raiser for the Adult Environmental Club. Paul Garrett described his efforts to research recycling options for batteries. He has contacted a Manheim, PA firm that will pick up the batteries, separate them by type and pay according to a predetermined per pound rate. The Environmental Club tentatively plans to place collection buckets at various business in town. They suggested that the EAC could place an article about the project in the borough newsletter. Santo requested that the group come back to the EAC meeting next month to discuss what the EAC might be able to do to support their effort.

Another guest, Susan Kiskis, was scheduled to attend the meeting but was unable to be there. She sent copies of a proposal for an Earth Day Event on Saturday, April 19, 2008. The event would tentatively be held at several venues in the borough with the cooperation of other borough businesses. Nicholas suggested that this may be a good opportunity to promote recycling to borough businesses. Santo will send a recommendation to Glenda Boyer.

Additions to the Agenda

No additions

Correspondence

None noted

Borough Council Report

No Council Report

Reports of Officers and Committees

It was reported that no applications had been received for the EAC vacancy.

Old Business

- Anti-Idling Hearings – Santo reported that hearings about state anti-idling legislation are scheduled for February 13 at the Rachael Carson State Office Building in Harrisburg. Nicholas may attend.
- Comprehensive Plan Action Plan Review – Nicholas reported that she had been contacted by Ed LaClair to attend. She suggested that the entire EAC should attend to help decide which actions would be appropriate for EAC involvement. The meeting will take place January 22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- EAC Charter Initiatives – The group discussed who would champion each of the Strategic Objectives.
 - Santo will champion # 5, “General Environmental Impact”
 - Weber selected #2, items 1-4, “Land Resources Use and Management
 - Richards selected #6, “Community Education”
 - Nicholas selected #2, 5-6, “Land Resources Use and Management

New Business

- No new business was discussed

Other Business

- None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25

Next EAC meeting – February 19, 2008