Borough of Mechanicsburg
Environmental Advisory Council Meeting
February 19, 2008

Santo called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Attendance:
Borough Council Members: Linda Humes, Charlie Ryder
EAC Members: Glen Weber, Susan Richards, Ron Santo, Sara Nicholas, Harry Baker, Erin Arva
Borough Staff: Glenda Boyer
Visitors: Paul Garrett, John Marino, Greg Bartikoski

Guests/Public Comment
Greg Bartikoski presented his revised design for the rain garden project to be located at the sewage plant. He has scheduled May 10 and 17 for planting with May 31 and June 7 scheduled as backup days. It was suggested that he work with Agway to obtain the plants. Santo offered that the EAC will help with any financial shortfall. Bartikoski stated that a turtle basking platform and duck boxes could be installed after the plants are established. Nicholas suggested the Fish and Boat Commission website as a source for plans for both.

Paul Garrett and John Marino updated the group about the battery recycling/fund raiser for the Adult Environmental Club. The group will begin assembling the buckets for the drop-off centers and will put an article into the Borough Newsletter. Garrett also requested help publicizing the electronic collection drop-off for senior citizens in Mechanicsburg May 2 (at the Senior Center) and 3 (at Elmwood Elementary) and tire recycling drop-off April 4 (Senior Center) and 5 (Elmwood). Santo offered to post the dates in the EAC website.

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
- Budget – Santo reported that the EAC has spent $360 this calendar year. $15,171 remains in the EAC budget.

- Planning & Zoning Commission Activities – Baker reported that the Hess Farm developer had requested waivers for parking on two-way streets in the development. He also discussed reaction to the Action Plan public meeting and urged EAC members to attend the Planning Commission work sessions on the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Tuesday of the month. The agenda will be available on the Mechanicsburg website.
- EAC Charter Initiatives – Santo reported that he has begun looking for a guest speaker to discuss Corridor 1. Richards reported that she has begun researching information to start an anti-idling awareness campaign, hopefully, supported by borough elementary school PTOs.
- EAC Calendar – Arva had no updates for the calendar and reminded the group that the joint EAC/Shade Tree meeting will be held March 13. She pointed out two workshops presented by Penn Future, a Watershed Workshop in Chadds Ford and a Global Warming Conference in Pittsburg.
- EAC website – Arva will add information from Garrett about battery recycling

New Business

- No new business was discussed

Other Business

- None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15

Next EAC meeting – March 18, 2008