

**Mechanicsburg Borough  
Environmental Advisory Council  
Tuesday, July 8, 2014 6:30 PM**

**Guest:**

Greg Rogalski, Borough Engineer gave a program on the Borough's MS4 permit. Mr. Rogalski explained the permit cycles for the Borough and what the ultimate expectations from EPA would be for 2025. Engineer Rogalski asked the EAC to help the Borough with the public education component that is required for the MS4 permit. It was suggested that education efforts about proper lawn maintenance and rain barrels be continued. Mr. Rogalski reviewed the Borough's current outfall points and explained that in the future the Borough will be required to monitor the nitrogen and phosphorus levels at outfall points as they currently do at the Wastewater Treatment Plan. Mr. Rogalski also discussed the options for the Borough such as additional rain gardens and underground detention. After the presentation, Mr. Rogalski answered questions from Board members. After the informative presentation, EAC members recognized the opportunity to support the Borough with the MS4 objectives by providing public education and outreach. The Board thanked Mr. Rogalski for his time.

**Call to Order**

Santo called the meeting to order at 7 20 PM, after the presentation.

**Attendance**

The following were present:

**Board Members:** H. Biggs, J. McCree, E. Miller, R. Santo

**Staff:** G. Boyer, Assistant Borough Manager

**Council:** John McDermott, Council Representative

**Absent Board Members:** H. Baker, J. Crist, P. McKinney

**Approval of the June 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes:**

Miller made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 10, 2014 as presented. McCree seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

**Report of the Recycling Committee:**

Boyer reported on the Recycling Committee meeting held at 2 PM, July 8<sup>th</sup>. The Recycling Committee reviewed the Jubilee Day Recycling Plan. The Committee will be used 90 Coke recycling boxes and 110 Clear Stream recycling containers to collect materials at the event. The Recycling Committee observed that the materials collected in the clear stream containers was less contaminated than the materials in the Coke boxes. The Committee also reviewed some information to be placed on the Borough website about the Recycle Right Reward. Boyer reported that she is still looking into a paper shredding event as a future public service project.

**Report of Borough Council**

Councilman McDermott thanked the Board for their work on Public Education about MS4 requirements. Councilman McDermott discussed the proposed snow removal regulations that Borough Council would be considering at their August 4, 2014 meeting.

**Guests:** None

**Agenda Additions:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Old Business:**

**1. Natural Playground.**

Biggs reported that she will look into the grant cycle for funding this project. Boyer noted that she spoke to Alan Vandrew about the concept and he would be willing to look at the project, but would like some details. After discussion, it was decided that Biggs and Santo will work on an outline for the project with the focus on planning for a grant application in 2015. A site plan can be worked on in 2014 for the grant application. Councilman McDermott suggested that the Joint Recreation Board may be a good place to make a presentation, in addition to the Borough Recreation Board, as the Joint Recreation Board will be meeting in October.

**2. Community Garden.**

Boyer reported that nine plots are still not rented. Miller reported that no suggestions have been received in the suggestion box. Miller also reported that there have not been any groundhog issues this year and that the bin is full of leaf mulch. Santo suggested that the Borough contact the Senior Center about the empty plots to see if they had any interest.

**Correspondence:**

None

**Other Business:**

The next meeting will be August 12, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss, Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Biggs seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

Glenda Boyer

Assistant Borough Manager / Recycling Coordinator