

**Mechanicsburg Borough
Environmental Advisory Council
Tuesday, September 9, 2014 6:30 PM**

Call to Order

Crist called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Attendance

The following were present:

Board Members: H. Baker, H. Biggs, J. Crist, E. Miller, R. Santo

Staff: G. Boyer, Assistant Borough Manager

Council: Councilman John McDermott

Absent Board Members: J. McCree

Approval of the August 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes:

Miller made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 12, 2014 as amended. Santo seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

Report of the Recycling Committee:

Boyer reported that the Recycling Committee met this afternoon. They discussed their 2015 budget and projects. They worked on fine tuning the Recycle Right Rewards Program. They discussed the Commercial Recycling Award for November. Boyer noted that Chief Spotts may be expanding the Police Departments Drug disposal drop off to include syringes.

Report of Borough Council: Councilman McDermott reported that the next Town Hall Meeting will be held on October 15th at 7 PM. The topic is yet to be determined.

Agenda Additions: None.

Public Comment: None.

New Business:

Discussion on 2015 Budget

Boyer distributed information on the 2014 budget and year to date expenditures, which was reviewed by the Council. After discussion, it was decided to ask that any unexpended funds at the end of 2014 be placed in the Capital Reserve Account which currently has \$641 dollars and that these funds be earmarked for Natural Playground Development. The EAC decided to ask for \$7,000 in the 2015 budget. The monies will be allocated for the Natural Playground Project (\$5,000), MS4 Education and Outreach (\$800), Community Garden Maintenance (\$200), and any Emergent Opportunities (\$1,000). A complete budget request will be prepared for Borough Council.

Old Business:

1. Community Garden.

Miller reported that for 2015, the plot corner markers and lines should be re-established. He reported that everything else is fine. Miller asked Boyer to look into the hole near the gate. He asked Boyer when the water would be turned off. Boyer stated that the water is usually turned off after the last home football game.

2. Natural Playground.

Biggs reviewed the slideshow presentation that she is preparing for the Joint Recreation Board meeting on October 8th. Boyer will provide some additional pictures. The EAC discussed asking for a focus group from the Kindergarten Academy to help with the amenity selection. Biggs will continue to work on the presentation. The goal is to apply for funding in 2015. Other possible locations for Natural Playgrounds were discussed.

3. Annual Report – MS4 Stormwater Outreach.

Boyer noted that the insert for the annual report would probably run about \$1,500 to print. For 2015 possible projects discussed were refreshing the rain garden at the WWTP Plant, A sample planter box and possible rain barrel workshop.

Correspondence:

Boyer reported that she and Santo will be participating in a Webinar on October 23rd which PSAB will host. The webinar is being coordinated by Nicole Faraguna, Director of Outreach & Education for the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association.

Other Business:

Baker updated the Council on the Planning Commission's undertaking of the Comprehensive Plan update.

The next meeting will be October 21, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, Santo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Baker seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

Glenda Boyer

Assistant Borough Manager / Recycling Coordinator