

**Mechanicsburg Borough  
Environmental Advisory Council  
Tuesday, April 8, 2014 6:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

Crist called the meeting to order at 6:34PM.

**Attendance**

The following were present:

**Board Members:** H. Biggs, J. Crist, P. McKinney, E. Miller

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

**Council:** John McDermott

**Absent Board Members:** H. Baker, J. McCree, R Santo

**Approval of the March 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes:**

Miller made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 18, 2014 as presented. Crist 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 today. The meeting notes are attached to these minutes.

**Report of Borough Council**

Councilman McDermott reported that the first Borough Town Hall Meeting will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM. The topics for discussion will be the Compost Gate System and the New Borough Website Community Page. Boyer noted the 1<sup>st</sup> Recycle Right Rewards presentation will be made at the beginning of the Town Hall Meeting.

**Guests:** Judy Miller, New Cumberland Borough resident, was present to see what the Borough's EAC is all about. Judy is interested in heightening awareness of environmental issues in New Cumberland. Judy shared some information on the community where she lived in Georgia prior to moving back to New Cumberland.

**Agenda Additions:**

None.

**Approval of the April 7, 2014 Meeting Agenda:**

McKinney made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Biggs seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

**New Business:**

None

**Old Business:**

**1. Earth Day Event:**

Crist distributed information received from the Clean Air Board that could be given out at the Earth Day Event. The video presentation was also discussed. Since electric is not available laptops could be used; however the battery life would not last through the entire event. Boyer will provide a recycling bin and information on the new Recycle Right Reward program and the Borough's bag option for refuse. Having a recycling bin exchange was also discussed. Miller will bring the canopy and tables. Boyer will provide chairs, the display board, the recycling container and supporting information. Miller will be there from 8-10 AM for set up and 2-3 PM for tear down. Biggs will be there 8 to 10 AM and McKinney 12 to 3 PM. Crist and Boyer will be there throughout the day. Other interested members can come out and provide assistance as their schedules permit.

**2. Community Garden:**

Boyer reported that 16 plots are rented and paid for; 4 are reserved with payment pending and 12 are available. There will be a notice on the sewer bills about the plots that are available. Miller reported that he purchased and installed the suggestion box, but has not received any suggestions to date. Miller stated that the three bin composter needs cleaned out and that more leaf mulch could be put in the bin.

**3. Natural Playground:**

Boyer reported that she spoke with Alan Vandrew about the proposed location at Koser for a Natural Playground. Mr. Vandrew was open to hearing a presentation on the project. McKinney expressed concern that the Board would put a lot of time and energy into planning

and then the School District may not be on board. Boyer will discuss grant funding with Tonya Brown, the Recreation Director. It was decided that grant funding would probably not be able to be obtained until 2015, as the application period for this year is over.

**4. Update to EAC Strategic Objectives:**

McKinney made a motion to table this until Mr. Santo was present. Biggs seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

**Correspondence:**

None.

**Other Business:**

The next meeting will be May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss, Biggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Miller seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

Glenda Boyer

Assistant Borough Manager / Recycling Coordinator