

**Mechanicsburg Borough
Environmental Advisory Council
Tuesday, November 11, 2014 6:30 PM**

Call to Order

Crist called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Attendance

The following were present:

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

Staff: G. Boyer, Assistant Borough Manager

Council: None

Absent Board Members: H. Baker, J. McCree

Boyer noted that Jesse McCree sent an e-mail that he would not be here as his wife is giving birth to their first child.

Approval of the October 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes:

A typo in the minutes of October 21, 2014 was noted by Santo. Santo made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 21, 2014 with the correction noted. Miller seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

Report of the Recycling Committee:

Boyer reported that the Recycling Committee met today and finalized plans for the 4th Annual Commercial Recycling Award to be presented on November 18th to Rutter's Farm Store. Boyer noted that the Recycle Right Rewards Program will continue through March of 2015. Boyer stated that the Recycling Committee asked the EAC to look at riparian buffers along Cedar Run when it reviews the proposed development of the Hess Farm Tract.

Report of Borough Council: Councilman McDermott sent an e-mail that he was not able to attend this evening.

Agenda Additions: None.

Public Comment: None.

New Business:

Crist thanked Boyer for sending out the e-mail from the PA EAC. Crist mentioned that he sent out a request via the PA EAC web group for ideas on MS4 education. He received information back that one group presented workshops for the public.

Old Business:

1. 2014 Annual Report –MS4 Stormwater Outreach.

Boyer distributed a draft document and asked that members provide feedback by November 21st via e-mail.

2. Natural Playground.

Boyer distributed information on the DCNR grant workshop that she attended.

Boyer noted that Manager Dennis is trying to set up a meeting with Alan Vandrew at the School District to discuss this grant opportunity. Boyer suggested that 2015 be used as a planning year with submission of a grant in 2016.

3. Community Garden Update.

Ed Miller reported that 12 garden plots have not been cleaned up for winter. Boyer stated she will have staff look into that.

Correspondence:

Crist stated that the EAC received information about placing an ad in the school musical program again this year. Santo made a motion to place an ad on MS4. Miller seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor. Staff will prepare an ad and distribute via e-mail. Crist read a thank you card received from Gracen Hilsinger for the EAC's help with his Eagle Scout Project.

Other Business:

The PSAB Webinar on EACs was rescheduled to November 20th. The webinar will be hosted by PSAB, but coordinated by Nicole Faraguna, Director of Outreach & Education for the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association. Santo and Boyer will participate and anyone wishing to view the webinar can come to the Borough Office.

Miller made a motion to cancel the December meeting. Biggs seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor. The next meeting will be January 13, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, Santo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. Biggs seconded the motion which passed with all in favor. The EAC moved down to the first floor where Biggs made a presentation to the Recreation Board about the Natural Playground Project.

Glenda Boyer
Assistant Borough Manager / Recycling Coordinator