

# PALMER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

May 22, 2019, 6:30 PM

Minutes

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1. Attendees - Tom Dittmar, Nancy Nicholas, Ann-Marie Panella, Doreen Shaffer, Madison Smith, and Anita Forrester.  
Absent members: Deanna Werkheiser, Ginny Sciorra,
2. OLD BUSINESS-The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Dittmar
  - A. April Meeting Minutes approved. Motion by Dittmar and seconded by Shaffer
3. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Plan of Action Future
  - B. Recycling Event 2020 at EAHS for spring and fall was discussed.
    - i. Dittmar discussed emails he received from Northampton County stating that there was no funds available for an event in the fall of 2019
    - ii. Dittmar requested funding for an event in 2020 and is still waiting for a response
    - iii. Smith suggested we check on the availability of the EASD parking lot
  - C. 2020 Earth Day Event Hybrid Car Show—check availability of the Chain Community Center
    - Composting Bin give away
    - Raub's Farm (Jeff Raub) Composting/rain barrels/farm stand
    - Sapling giveaway—Smith volunteered to look into this
    - Music— Forrester volunteered to look into the music that was provided for the event in April at NCC
    - litter cleanup
    - Food scrap collection
    - Vendors
    - Hybrid Car Show
  - D. Climate action plan—Forrester checked with Bethlehem and asked questions about their plan. She attended a seminar on “How to Start a Climate Action Plan”. She will contact Nuture Nature/Raub's Farm/and local Breweries to see if they want to join Palmer's Climate Action.
  - E. Wind Energy—Forrester said Clean Choice is a good plan. NCC has been using them since 2010. She uses them.
  - F. Forrester asked about the possibility of a Northampton County EAC.
4. GOOD OF THE ORDER
  - A. Dittmar will check on whether Sciorra is able to attend the June 26th ESC meeting since Panella and Forrester are not able to attend.
  - B. Shaffer asked if the ESC could look into the health problems related to fluoride in the township water supply. Dittmar told her to look into the matter further and bring her findings to the next meeting.
5. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 6:30PM in the Palmer Township Library
6. ADJOURNMENT - Motion was made by Smith to adjourn, seconded by Dittmar

