

PALMER TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
February 24, 2021, 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** - The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 7:45pm after attending regional Green Drinks event (see below.) In attendance were Anita Forrester, Nancy Nicholas, Cindy Oatis, Ann-Marie Panella, Ginny Sciorra, and Tyler Nemura. Members absent included Doreen Shaffer and Deanne Werkheiser. Jonathan Forrester was present as a guest.
2. **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 24, 2021 MEETING MINUTES** - Motion to approve the January meeting minutes was made by Nicholas, seconded by Nemura, and approved by all.
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Educational Articles and Webinars - Oatis will create an article on the new waste and recycling contract; Nemura will create an article on leaf blowers; and additional members will create articles on areas of interest.
 - B. E-cycling Events 2021 – Oatis will follow up with Serena Davis regarding 2021 ecycling events.
 - C. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Litter Clean-up – Oatis will register for the event and inventory our supplies.
 - D. Logo – Oatis will provide a graphic design option.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Plastic Bag Initiative – tabled to next meeting.
 - B. Shade Tree Commission – tabled to next meeting.
 - C. ESC VS. EAC – Oatis will provide the website regarding the pros and cons of ESC vs. EAC township environmental groups.
 - D. The Committee attended tonight’s *Green Drinks* event hosted by the Citizen’s Climate Action Lobby (CCL) to learn more about municipal climate action plans and local work like this in our area. Discussion regarding creating a Palmer Climate Action Plan to be placed on our next agenda. Committee members to review City of Bethlehem’s Climate Action Plan: <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Public-Works/Climate-Action-Plan>
5. **REPORTS**
 - A. Recycling Report – Oatis updated the committee on the collection and transportation of solid waste and recyclables contract bid.
 - B. Supervisor Report – Panella updated the committee on the Parkview Estates waiver of street trees on Tatamy Road.
6. **ADJOURNMENT** - Motion was made to adjourn by Nemura, and seconded by Nicholas.
7. **NEXT MEETING** March 24, 2021, 6:30pm