

**PALMER TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
June 24, 2020, 6:30 PM
MINUTES**

1. **ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 6:34pm. In attendance were Anita Forrester, Tyler Nemura, Nancy Nicholas, Cindy Oatis, Ann-Marie Panella, and Ginny Sciorra. Doreen Shaffer was absent.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Forrester called for a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Nicholas, seconded by Werkheiser, and approved by all.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (agenda items only) No public present.
4. **GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - A. Interactive Educational Webinars
 - Oatis indicated that despite offering to do the first webinar on recycling at the last meeting, she thought it might be better for the inaugural one to be something that would better reflect the committee’s new initiatives. All agreed. It was suggested that something along the lines of “Let’s Have a Conversation” inviting residents and teachers to contribute environmental subjects or issues for exploration. This will be placed in the upcoming summer newsletter.
 - Anita will collate ideas and distribute. Bushkill Stream Conservancy and Nurture Nature will be added to the subject suggestion list.
 - Webinars and additional information on various community environmental events will be posted on the website. Location and format to be determined.
 - Pursuant to Bushkill Stream Conservancy request, Forrester, Sciorra, and Werkheiser agreed to coordinate attendance at their meetings when possible.
 - Discussion about the possibility of creating an ESC logo for use on webinars, flyers, and educational materials. Forrester indicated she had a colleague that may be able to create something simple, incorporating Palmer’s existing logo.
 - Discussion regarding how to best get the word out about these webinars included utilizing Nextdoor, Facebook “events” and “blasts,” and a postcard mailing in addition to previously agreed upon options.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Future Meetings – The committee discussed the possibility of returning to in-person meetings at the library vs. continuing with virtual meetings. Werkheiser made a motion to continue with Zoom meetings for the health, safety, and well-being of our members and the general public. The motion was seconded by Sciorra and agreed upon by all.
6. **UPDATES/REPORTS**
 - A. Recycling Report – No report.
 - B. Supervisor’s Report – No report.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda items only) No members of the public present.

8. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut have implemented 14-day quarantines with stiff penalties for violations. Northampton County is expected to move to the green phase on June 26. Palmer will be opening the Chrin Community Center and the pool soon.
- B. Panella shared her experience with installing 27 solar panels on her fully electric house. It is expected to significantly reduce her energy costs.

9. NEXT MEETING: July 22, 2020

10. ADJOURNMENT – Motion was made to adjourn by Sciorra, seconded by Werkheiser, and approved by all.