

**PALMER TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
April 28, 2021, 6:30 PM
MINUTES**

- 1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** - The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 6:35pm. In attendance were Ann-Marie Panella, Ginny Sciorra, Nancy Nicholas, Tyler Nemura, Doreen Shaffer and Anita Forrester. Deanne Werkheiser was absent. Guest: Mike Brett (Palmer Planning Commission)
- 2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** - Motion to approve the February meeting minutes was made by Nicholas, seconded by Sciorra, and approved by all.
- 3. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussed implementation of new recycling contract starting May 1st and look forward to hearing report of its success and challenges in September
 - B. ESC communication opportunities – ongoing discussion
 - a. Social media for information purposes only
 - b. Email capabilities for easier communication
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Drafting a new mission and vision for Palmer ESC to launch a new path for the ESC
 - a. Members discussed their reason for being a part of the ESC and what they would like to see next. Including:
 - b. Reviewing township newsletter format
 - c. Monthly cleanups – partnering with Palmer Earth Stewards
 - d. Earth Day 2022
 - e. Educational outreach
 - f. Newsletter
 - g. Recommend an ESC member attend Planning and Zoning meetings
 - h. Palmer ESC logo and webpage updates
 - B. Discussion with committee members and Mike Brett from the Planning Committee on creating environmental requirements for new warehouses and distribution facilities.
 - a. Sustainable energy use – recommendation for increased alternative energy will be discussed in the future
 - b. Electric car chargers
 - c. Runoff
 - d. Utilizing roof tops – solar, green roof, etc
 - C. Palmer ESC native plant and gardens initiative
 - a. Impact on ecosystem
 - b. Soil health
 - c. Invasive species
 - d. Climate impact
 - e. Reduced water use

- D.** Discussion over moving the Palmer ESC meetings beginning January 2022
 - a. Continue zoom option for guests even after move to in-person
 - b. Possibility of moving to 7pm start will help bring in guests and new members
 - c. Decision made by June meeting

5. REPORTS

- A.** Supervisor Report – Panella stated there is an opening on Shade Tree Commission if anyone has an interest in serving. Recycling Center construction needs an update – requests that Cindy Oatis to join us in June.

- 6. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – Easton is beginning their Climate Action Plan and we should attend their meetings and planning sessions so that we can use their and Bethlehem's experiences as we begin to draft our own.

- 7. ADJOURNMENT** - Motion was made to adjourn at 8:10pm by Sciorra, seconded by Nichols, and approved by all.

- 8. NEXT MEETING** June 23rd, 6:30pm