

Harrison Township Environmental Commission
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Meeting Minutes – September 3, 2008

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Present: Phil Grous; Stan Hershey, Doris Brady, Jeff Summerton, David DiPietro, Sam Zappala

The monthly meeting of the Harrison Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on September 3, 2008, at the Harrison Township Municipal Building, Phil Grous being in the chair.

The EC members were saddened to hear that Bob Manson will be unable to continue in his position with the Environmental Commission. We all extend our thoughts and best wishes to Bob.

Public Attendance: None.

Minutes Approval: A motion was made by Doris Brady to approve the minutes from the July 29, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by David DiPietro and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Unfinished Business:

1. A budget subcommittee was formed by Doris Brady, Sam Zappala and Jeff Summerton. They will meet to prepare the EC budget and present it to all the members at a future meeting.
2. Harris landfill – Stan presented information concerning the testing of fill materials used at the landfill. The landfill owners are using another company, in addition to Pennonni Associates, for sampling and analysis of fill materials. Clean Earth, Inc. (www.cleanearthinc.com) is a provider of services to generators and consumers of waste materials and byproducts in North America. They provide progressive, environmentally responsible solutions for treatment, recycling, reuse, transportation and disposal. Clean Earth, Inc. uses a comprehensive form to catalog information concerning fill material. Stan passed around a copy of the form entitled “Material Characterization Request Form”. (This form can be viewed on the above website.) Dave DiPietro explained some of the terms on the form and we thank him for that insight.

The EC continues open communication with SLRD, LLC in order to provide continuing information on the progress at the landfill.

Mail: There was no mail that required the Commission’s review.

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Subcommittee Reports:

1. Harrison Township Day – This subcommittee was previously formed. The members are Adrienne Roberto and Dave DiPietro. We will need another volunteer for this subcommittee to fill the spot vacated by Bob Manson.

The Commission discussed ways to attract kids to environmental issues and possibly tie that interest into Harrison Township Day. Some suggestions were for a poster contest, essay contest or coloring contest which we would promote through the school system. Doris even mentioned success she experienced with a rap song contest which may interest older students. Doris noted that anything we would like to promote through the schools would require approval from either the School Board or other school officials.

Public Information Projects:

1. Raindrops article – Adrienne Roberto's article was approved by the Township Committee and we will ask the Township to post it on the website.
2. Adrienne is working on another article on tips for home and at the office for reducing energy usage and waste. She hopes to be able to have a draft ready for circulation to the EC soon.
3. Landfill pamphlet II was also approved by the Township Committee and will be submitted to the Township for posting on the website.
4. Luke has written some informative articles on CFLs. Phil Grous is doing some more research on some issues with the CFLs.

Reports from Committee Representatives: No reports.

New Business:

1. Review of site plans – no site plans for review.
2. Announcements – none.

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3. New projects – The Commission members discussed some goals for the new year. Stan suggested that we identify some environmental projects within the community, choose one and then organize volunteers to participate along with the EC members. Some suggested activities were stream or road-cleanups. We may be able to coordinate these projects with volunteers from science classes from schools, scouting organizations or perhaps the 4-H. It would be up to the EC to assure that there was adequate supervision for any project, especially any projects involving volunteers under adult age.

Phil Grous suggested that we begin to look more closely at grants for which the commission may qualify, possibly under the Smart Growth grant program. This would provide financing for a public project as far as promotion within the community and any supplies that would be needed.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Environmental Commission is October 1, 2008.

There being no further business, Phil Grous made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Doris Brady; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.