

# Hatfield Township's Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

## MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, March 18, 2013

Date of Approval \_\_\_\_\_

Call to Order: A regular meeting of Hatfield Township's Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) was held in the Township Building on this date. The meeting convened at 6:00 pm, Chairman Jim O'Byrne presiding, Karen Miller, Secretary.

Roll Call: Members of the Board in attendance were: Jim Bingley, Jim Bleakly, Bud Hyndman, Chris Meager, Karen Miller, Jim O'Byrne, Ed Schweitzer, Eric Wert, and Henry Zadell. Also in attendance was Devan Stewart. Member not in attendance was Bob Lanouette.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the last Meeting were approved as printed.

Citizens Comments/Notifications: Eric Wert has been added as an official member of Hatfield Township's EAC. Mairead Twohig was introduced to the group. Mairead is interested in doing some environmental volunteer work, and Devan is happy to help her out with this. Bud Hyndman warned the group that our compact fluorescent bulbs are showing themselves to be something of a fire hazard.

### Discussion Items:

- A. Earth Day Plans: Devon has gotten everything off to the vendors. Most of our activities will be at the public works site. PSE will collect oils and paints and other hazardous materials. We will also be accepting appliances and electronics. Devon will have specific lists of what will be accepted for pick up. We have a plaque and tree ordered for Charlotte's memorial. The service is planned for about Noon on Earth Day. Clean up of the nature area has been planned. Henry Zadell, suggested having some student group adopt the nature area, so the site might be managed on a continuing basis, and not need annual triage. Jim O'Byrne provided contact info for the SHRED STATION EXPRESS, Jeff Diettrich, 535 Hagey Road, PO Box 52, Franconia PA, 18924. Phone: 215-859-1264, [www.shredstation.com](http://www.shredstation.com). For orders 1-877-SHREDEXP.
- B. Other 2013 Events: I've attached a separate listing of the ideas we came up with in January. With an eye to getting our calendar together please take a look at that list and get back to Devan with ideas to flesh out the ideas and with suggestions as to a good place in the calendar for them to be implemented. Our next meeting is to be a brainstorming session. Keep in mind that summer is not typically a good time. More people are available in the fall or spring. Jim Bingley's employer has offered to do a seminar on Energy Audits.

It was suggested we need to get our youth more involved, on that note Henry was able to retrieve the North Penn story "NPSD wins EPA award for Energy Efficiency", Mar. 17, 2013. According to the article, North Penn HS has an "Alliance to Save Energy" and an "Energy Troopers" group. Pennbrook has a "Green Team", and nine other North Penn schools, including Hatfield and Oak Park, have student environmental action groups similar to the "Green Team". Henry will give a copy of the newspaper to

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Devon. This story may also be on the the NP Life web: [http://montgomerynews.com/north\\_penn\\_life/](http://montgomerynews.com/north_penn_life/)

Also, the members may be interested in the Portland, Oregon recycling system. It is a very advanced program, and receives a lot of press because they include curbside collection of 'composting products', including kitchen scraps. The link is: [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/41461](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/41461)

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm. Next meeting will be 06:00 pm on 04/15/13 at The Township Building.

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