



Meeting Minutes: 15 February 2010

Present:

EAC Members

Diana Erney
Mike Sacks
Katherine Harms
Judy Sechler

Also Present:

Jeanne Barrett-Ortiz
Nicole Miller

Excused:

Dale Fandl

Call to Order: 7:00PM

Chair's Comments:

None to report

Approval of Minutes from the January 2010 Meeting: Approved

Amendments to Agenda:

Judy pulled an article for newspaper dated 2-13-2010, about use of sludge, supporting a law to adopt using sludge, this is going to the legislative committee the week of 2.15.2010. Judy is looking at having the BOS look into this and see how it affects our local community. EAC looking at creating a letter for the BOS to have on file showing our position. Judy will be calling local officials and talking to Dary Sicker about the legality of this.

Discussion Items:

Jeanne Barrett-Ortiz (Guest Speaker):

Jeanne passed out an updated chart for us to identify importance by weight. Identified the following:

-Looking at having plans provided to the EAC as well for review to provide

our feedback to the PC on developments that come our way.

We weighted this as a 2.

-Looking at a EAC website and Newsletter now, our EAC is using the township newsletter to provide updates, website is our biggest priority and we weighted this as a 1.

-PA Land Choices- Kutztown is looking at this now, will see what they come up with and any costs, weighted it a 2.

- Land Protection- Inventory Land/Identify Gaps- look at parcels to see what are of value to the township that we may want to watch for when they might be available for purchasing; this is weighted as a 1.

- Invasive Vine Removal- look at brochures to pass out for education, look at passing out in 2011.

- Water Protection, Runoff and Stormwater Management- Floodplain, BMP's- look at getting brochures and updating the website to educate the residence on what this is and how it helps. This is weighted as a 1.

- Comprehensive Plan- Looking at is there a current plan to see what activity is coming our way? There is a current plan out there and Mike will look into this for Jeanne. This is a weighted as a 2.

- Growth Management- looking at where the tax dollars go from developers to the township and that most of the time the taxed paid are not enough to cover our costs. This is weighted as a 3.

Audobon assistance with our Earth Day park improvements- Kate to work with them to have information for us to pass out during Earth Day..

Forester Visit- someone from DCNR to come to our next meeting to talk about foresting land.

Kestrel Box- looking at site visit to see if this is something for our township to do this? Kate is working on this now.

Adjourned 8:35 PM

Next Meeting: March 15, 2010