

Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Committee STEAC Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2013

<u>Members</u>		<u>Attending</u>	<u>Members</u>		<u>Attending</u>
Jim Davis	Ward 1	Yes	Michael Christopher	Ward 6	Yes
Todd McGarvey	Ward 4	No	Ken Rapp	Ward 6	Yes
Mark McGann	Ward 5	Yes	Margaret Hilsbos	Ward 7	Yes
Lori Devlin	Health Officer	No			

Action items in bold.

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Public Comment

1. No public comment.

General Business

2. Approval of minutes: Committee voted to approve the minutes from June.

STEAC Organization

Coordinators' reports

3. CRC : Ken - CRC has tree planting event coming up in October.
4. DCVA: No report
5. Website: Margaret reported that she and Ken successfully completed a backup test for the wiki. There is a technical issue (PHP version) to resolve prior to upgrading the wiki. **Ken will update the current home page that Dan created.**
6. Planning commission: no report .

STEAC Calendar/Monthly Activities

Storm Water BMP Park Project

7. Maintenance: In June Ken reported an apparent clog in the pipe feeding the lower basin from the upper basin. This problem resolved itself after a large storm. Ken and Ann Jackson have planned another work session for BMP maintenance for this Saturday starting at 8:30 am.
8. Signage: Ken provided near-final draft text for the sign. **Committee members are to provide feedback on proposed text by next meeting (or sooner, preferably). Mike will talk to Lori about next steps for getting the sign produced,** with goal of getting the sign installed by the end of the year.

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New Business

9. Ken mentioned that Anne Murphy told him that a nearby township is drafting a bamboo ordinance. Bamboo is non-native and extremely invasive. Once the ordinance is finalized, Anne will send the text to Ken for consideration as a Springfield Township ordinance, and **Ken will bring to the subsequent meeting of this committee.**
10. Ken mentioned that his son, who works for the Giant on Baltimore Pike, has talked to the store manager and they are willing to support future events such as creek cleanups with water, etc.
11. Ken raised a question about the rain gauge that was attached to the roof at the south end of the building, that is no longer there. It was suggested that it may have been removed by maintenance. **Ken will ask Lori to check with the maintenance department to see if they have it.**
12. Mark suggested involving high school students (who need to do some community service hours) in service projects with STEAC. The service projects could include, for example, helping with our regular activities such as BMP maintenance and creek cleanups. **Mark will explore this idea with the school.**

Upcoming Events:

- STEAC BMP Maintenance, 9/28, begin around 8:30 - 9

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 22, 2013, 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Hilsbos