

Wallace Township Environmental Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, May 23, 2006

**APPROVED**

7: 00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Old Indiantown Schoolhouse

Charter Members In Attendance: Mary Ann Zeiders, Beth Carpenter, Anna Marie Guglielmo, Andy Leitzinger, Mark Eschbacher, Tish Molloy

Guests In Attendance: Skip McGrew, Cathy Poole

Mark Eschbacher called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**I. Approval of Minutes:** April meeting minutes were approved.

**II. Old Business:**

**A. Hankin well draw down.**

In his Planning Commission (PC) report to the BOS presented at the May 17 BOS meeting, Skip McGrew mentioned that the PC recommended that the EAC send their letter concerning the impact of the drawdown on bog turtle habitat to the responsible regulatory agencies.

The PC made this recommendation after Mark Eschbacher presented the EAC's position to the PC during their April meeting. A Hankin representative at the BOS meeting expressed concern because Hankin considers this issue resolved.

The EAC resolved to edit the letter for the agencies, present it to the BOS and then, pending their approval, mail the letter to the regulatory agencies involved. Mark will contact twp to schedule his presentation to the BOS.

**B. Bog Turtle Management Plan (BTMP).**

Mark noted that he had just received a copy of the BTMP. The EAC questioned which, if any, twp. organization had final approval of the BTMP. It was suggested that the BTMP is a part of the Open Space Plan and as such would require final approval from the BOS.

It was mentioned that the BTMP did not include any piezometers. The EAC resolved to send a copy of the BTMP to all members and to recommend to the BOS that the BTMP be amended to include piezometers.

**C. Woodlands Task Force.** Mary Ann Zeiders and Anna Marie Guglielmo and Beth Carpenter reported on the progress and activities of the Woodlands Task Force.

John Snook, from the Brandywine Conservancy, was a special guest at their last meeting. Mr. Snook, a specialist on writing ordinances, suggested that the woodlands ordinance be dovetailed into existing twp ordinances.

The biologists have started their flora and fauna inventory.

Mary Ann will meet with Robert Lonsdorf to prepare a timeline of deliverables.

Anna Marie and Mary Ann will participate in a "Frog" presentation to Wallace Brandywine Elementary School.

**D. Community Day.**

At the EAC booth, we will have a coloring contest for the kids and environmental information sheets for hand outs. Children's t-shirts will be sold to raise funds.

Mary Ann reported that Mr. John Miller donated a box of children's books on the environment and suggested that the books be handed out to children who participate in the coloring contest.

EAC resolved to write a thank-you letter to Mr. Miller. Tish will write the letter.

**III. New Business:**

**A. Burning Ordinance.**

Cathy Poole introduced the topic of a burning ordinance. During the burning ordinance discussion, it was mentioned that Chester County and East Brandywine Twp. have burning ordinances and that perhaps WT could either adopt the county ordinance or write an ordinance based on these existing ordinances. We discussed contacting the Glenmoore Fire Company for feedback on a burning ordinance.

**B. Lawn Pesticides.**

Cathy also introduced the topic of lawn chemicals. We discussed the hazards of lawn chemicals, fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides, to our ground water drinking supply and to the health of children, pets and vulnerable adults. Cathy will work on a hand out for Community Day.

**IV. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.**

Prepared and respectfully submitted by,

Tish Molloy  
June 20, 2006