

**EAC MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday February 22, 2012**

**EAC Members Present:**

Stephan Heverin, Chair  
Mara Baird  
Stacey Blankin  
Vivianne Englund-Callahan  
Joe Slapinsky

**Commissioners / Staff Present:**

Tom Bell  
Chuck Baily

1. **General** – meeting called to order; Vivianne will take minutes for the meeting; previous minutes approved
  
2. **Board of Commissioners Update**

The township storm water committee has presented a rough plan with a timeline of storm water related projects to be performed in the township during the coming year. The plan is on review at the township.  
Chuck will find out if this is a new study or a review of the existing plan.  
Tom will contact Tom Berger to get a copy of the plan for the EAC to review.  
The EAC members expressed concerns about the handling of the study and questioned why the township had not been in contact with the EAC about the subject since the committee during the last years has worked with the storm water issues in the township.  
Tom will request that the EAC is involved in the next steps of the plan.
  
3. **Staff Update**

Stacey Blankin, our new EAC member presented her background and interest in joining the EAC. She has launched Green Seeds; a group that works with environmental and green issues in the schools.
  
4. **Partner Updates**
  - a. The Pennsylvania EAC conference, scheduled for March, has been canceled.
  - b. Sustainable Springfield will hold a pot-luck Saturday February 25 at Joe's house to increase the interest for the group and make connections with other groups/ organizations.
  - a. Ambler Environmental Movie series- Joe reported good traffic at our table at the showing of the Bee Movie. He also expressed the need for us to better promote the township at the next movie; What's organic about organic?
  
5. **Sun articles**

The Water bottle article has been submitted but at this date not published.  
The I&I article will be published in the next Township Newsletter.  
New Articles- Joe will write an article about Water conservation / April issue  
Stephan will research old articles about Composting / May issue

**6. Visitor Issues** No visitors attending the meeting

**7. EAC Activities**

Paper Mill Run Planting

- a. It was agreed upon that the plantings should be divided into two projects;  
The North side of the creek - Grant application / Contracted Installation  
The South side of the creek – Tree Vitalization Plan /Volunteer installation
- b. Before next meeting ;Stephan will contact Deirdre to collect information regarding the Grant applications.
- c. Joe and Stephan will reach out to the community for partnership / shared information /volunteers etc.
- d. Mara and Vivianne will review the plantings and present the budget cost for the plant material at the next meeting.
- e. A budget for the signage is needed.
- f. A separate planning session should be scheduled for the project.

**8. Old Business**

**9. New Business**

Stacey expressed her concern regarding that the Middle school still is not certified as a green building. Joe will find out if there is still some open contracts that are delaying the certification.