

**Swarthmore Environmental Advisory Council**  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 22, 2015

**In Attendance:** Susan Kelly, Chair; Members: Douglas Hasbrouck, Fintan McHugh, Tracy Bouvette, Thurman Brendlinger; Associate Members: Jon Penders and Phil Coleman; Lauren McKinney, representative of Borough Council.

**Meeting began at 7:35**

**Old Business:**

**Growing Green Grant**

The Growing Greener grant has been reviewed and finally approved for contracting by the DEP and should arrive to the Borough for final review and execution in October. Once the contract documents are completed and executed by the Borough the contract can begin. Once the contract begins the EAC will be involved to some extent with the community outreach tasks of the project, interacting with and engaging local property owners and providing comments.

**Boy Scouts**

Sue has been working with John Crawford to install benches in Little Crum Creek Park. The benches will be financed through a combination of the Borough, Rotary, the Centennial Fund and the Boy Scouts.

Two past Boy Scouts achieved their Eagle Scout Award, working with the EAC – Andy Connell and Anthony Foglio.

**Little Crum Creek Park**

October 10<sup>th</sup> is clean-up day. There are a number of maintenance issues including replacement of the wood chip path and general clean-up. Need to improve Borough watering of young trees when weather is dry such that the trees are not lost.

**AFewSteps**

Phil and Thurm indicated that Swarthmore/Wallingford has about 300 of 7000 homes that have received energy audits. The organization's Board is looking to find ways to improve traction for participation in this valuable program. The Board is also looking to leverage relationships with the College to identify/develop mechanisms to influence behaviors of the community members.

The organization is conducting a Photo Competition related to "Water in Delco." There is never an issue getting enough entries.

Finally, Swarthmore is #2 in EPA national rankings for Green Power communities (58 nationwide), with 34% participation in renewable energy programs.

## **New Business**

### **Energy DelCo**

Phil and Lauren visited the DelCo Planning Office and were impressed with the organization and its programs. Specifically, the organization has a grant program directed at helping municipal facilities improve efficiency through audits. Could include street lighting as a possible place for efficiency improvements.

### **Crum Creek Review and Beyond**

Lauren has just recently received her Permaculture certification and is in the process of developing a blog related to local stories that have an earth centered theme – including interviews with artists, stories on sustainability and mindful living, etc. She will be embracing guest bloggers that wish to offer content.

**Adjourned 8:40 pm**

*Minutes submitted by Tracy Bouvette*