

Whitemarsh Township Environmental Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2019

The 2019 re-organization meeting of the Whitemarsh Township Environmental Advisory Board was called to order on Thursday, January 24th, 2019 at 7:10pm in large meeting room of the Whitemarsh Township building, 616 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania.

Members Present: Deb Shreero, Lou Ann Merkle, Deb Heuckeroth, Edward Brant, Gordon Geasland.

Also Present: Sean Halbom, Asst. Township Manager, Laura Boyle-Nester, BOS Liaison

1. CALL RO ORDER – 7:10pm.
2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR – Deb Shreero was nominated for Chair and unanimously appointed. Lou Ann Merkle was nominated for Vice-Chair and unanimously elected.
3. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Vice-Chair Merkle provided a presentation on the subject of the McCarthy Park basin. Public comment was offered by Mr. Eli Glick, Ms. Deb Harris, and Ms. Cheryl Darby.
 - b. Proposal of Working Groups – Deb Shreero, five working groups were suggested, in total. The board agreed five may be too many and created the following four boards: *Recycling* (Ed), *Ready for 100* (Lou Ann), *Basin* (Gordon and Deb H.), *3R's* (Deb Shreero).
4. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Introduction of Deb Harris – A motion for recommendation to the Environmental Advisory Board was made by Lou Ann, seconded by Gordon. Motion was passed unanimously. Public Comment ensued praising the board for the recommendation and process.
 - b. Lou Ann spoke about the wild fires in California and their connection to the Ready for 100 project.
5. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 19, 2018 MINUTES
 - a. A few typographical errors were noted for the record.
 - b. Motion made by Lou Ann, seconded by Gordon. Passed unanimously.
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Deb Shreero received correspondence regarding the Corson property (Abolition Hall). The board and the public have not yet seen those plans. Board requested to see the plans at the “appropriate time”
 - b. Whitemarsh was approved for 902 grant funds for new leaf machines. Board requested to know if this will increase capacity to pick up yard waste more often. Sean Halbom responded that he was not certain that it would, and that personnel limitations may also

- limit capacity. Eli Glick suggested the township do away with leaf pick up and get people to compost their own leaves to avoid the carbon footprint made by the leaf trucks.
- c. Township Day – Lou Ann requested to know if the EAB would again have a tent at Township Day. Sean Halbom responded in the affirmative. Lou Ann stated enough room would be needed to display and electric vehicle.
 - d. The Board discussed the use of plastic water bottles at Township Day and encouraged the BOS to consider other options for providing water to event goers.
 - e. Deb suggested exploring a ban on plastic water bottles on Township property.
 - f. February 28th BOS workshop meeting will include Ready for 100 presentation by Lou Ann.
 - g. Recycling Ordinance was approved for advertisement at the BOS re-org meeting and will be considered for adoption at the February 7th meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. There was no additional public comment

ADJOURNMENT

- a. Deb Shreero made a motion to adjourn. Deb H. seconded. Motion passed unanimously at 8:45pm.