

<p>Carroll County ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES Robyn Gilden, Chair Kim Petry, Vice Chair Tuesday, May 11, 2010, @ 3:00 p.m. Room 003/004, Carroll County Office Building (COB)</p>		<p>Cynthia M. Parr, Chief Administrative Services 225 N Center Street, Room 300 Westminster, MD 21157-5194 Telephone: 410-386-2232 Fax: 410-386-2485 cparr@ccg.carr.org</p>
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Members Present:

Robyn Gilden, Chair
Dan Andrews
Sandy Zebal
Chris Spaur
David Pyatt
Karen Merkle
Brian Rhoten

County Government:

Cynthia Parr, County EAC Liaison
Terri Jones, Esquire, CAO
Cindy Myers-Crumbacker, Recording Secretary

Other Attendees:

Charles Zaleski, Carroll County Health Department

Members Absent:

Kim Petry, Vice Chair
Richard Haddad

Mike Evans, Department of Public Works

CALL TO ORDER - Ms. Robyn Gilden, Chair, officially called the May 11, 2010, meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. asking for approval of the April 13, 2010 minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION NO. 107 -10: Motion was made by Karen Merkle, seconded by Dave Pyatt, approving the minutes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS – No communications were received this month.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Charles Zeleski-Carroll County Health Department**

Mr. Zeleski spoke about rabies in the county. There were 759 shots at the last vaccination clinic. The main goal is to vaccinate pets in the county. There is a new treatment known as HRIG. If a pet is suspected of having rabies, there is a 10 day quarantine period. If someone needs to receive the treatment and cannot afford to pay for it, the state will take care of the fee. Lyme disease is also a concern for the Health Department.

2. **Mike Evans – Director, Department of Public Works**

Mr. Evans came to answer questions from last month’s meeting regarding the amount of money that has been spent on the incinerator project so far. He assured the group that though the incinerator would cost the county \$240 million, none of that would be paid with tax money. The proposed incinerator will be paid for by income from the Enterprise Fund generated by the users of the incinerator, or those who bring their trash to the county landfill. The tipping fee charged at the landfill will be increased to \$85 per ton. The current fee is \$58 per ton but will be raised to \$60 if the new budget is accepted by the Commissioners. Other funding will come from the electricity generated by the plant, selling reclaimed metals from the plant, interest from the escrow account and for selling additional incinerator capacity to other local governments. The incinerator will be shared with Frederick County.

A field trip is being organized by Mr. Evans to visit an incinerator in another county. Members were given a sign-up sheet if they were interested in attending.

Mr. Evans was asked if the Commissioners had a back-up plan if the income did not meet what is expected. Mr. Evans answered that it is very unlikely for this to happen.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Environmental Awareness Awards – The awards were presented at the Commissioners' April 29 meeting. Kim Petry and Robyn Gilden awarded plaques to Student Kelly A. Smith; Individual Cindy Eckenrode; Business Northrop Grumman, Institution McDaniel College; and Agriculture Jackie Coldsmith. Ms. Gilden thanked all involved, especially Vivian Laxton for assisting with organizing these awards. The Maryland Heartland Sustainable Living Fair donated the plaques. Brian Rhoten reported that trees have been donated to be planted at Bear Branch Nature Center in honor of these award winners. Plans are being finalized.
2. Tree Commission-Brian Rhoten had no information to report this month.
House Bill 1112 and Senate Bill 9251 – Green Building Tax Credit has not been signed yet. The governor is scheduled to sign the bill on Thursday, May 20, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS-None.

COUNCIL MEMBERS –

1. A Sustainability Fair will be held on May 22 from 9:00-4:00 at the Carroll County Farm Museum. Vendors will be available to ask questions to.
2. The council would like to have a quarterly report from Maria Myers on recycling efforts, beginning in July. These reports would be like the MTBE updates that were provided in the past.
3. The topic of composting was mentioned as a future meeting presentation.
4. In July or August, Mr. Zeleski will come again and speak about Lyme disease.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Ms. Gilden announced that the council may not have a meeting next month. Cindy Parr will check with Ms. Hogue of the Maryland Forestry Board one more time to see if she will come to speak to us. If a meeting is held, it will be an **afternoon** meeting on, **June 8, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.** in Room 003/004

<p><u>ADJOURN: MOTION NO. 108-10:</u> Motion made by Dave Pyatt, seconded by Chris Spaur, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. Motion carried.</p>

Please inform the secretary if you are unable to attend