

**Carroll County**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**Karen L. Merkle, Chair**  
**Robyn Gilden, Vice Chair**  
**Tuesday, December 11, 2007 @ 3 p.m.**  
**Room 003/004, Carroll County**  
**Office Building**



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**Members Present:** Karen Merkle, Chair  
Sher Horosko  
Dan Andrews  
Jim Johnson  
Christopher Spaur  
David Pyatt  
Kim Petry  
Brian Rhoten

**Members Absent:** Robyn Gilden

**County Government:**

Cynthia Parr, County EAC Liaison  
Terri Jones, Esquire, Deputy County Attorney

Ann L. Baugher, Secretary to EAC  
Steve Horn, Planning Director

**The Press:** Carrie Knauer, Carroll County Times

**Other Attendees:**

Brian Flynn, CCHD  
Ellen Cutsail, Union Bridge Council  
Mary Kowalski, resident

Charles Zeleski, CCHD  
Cody Saville, CLSI

**CALL TO ORDER** - Ms. Karen Merkle, Chair, officially called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Ms. Merkle then asked for approval of the November 13, 2007, minutes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MOTION NO. 38-07:** Motion was made by Sher Horosko, seconded by Dan Andrews, approving the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS** –

1) Chair Merkle added to the agenda: 1) under Unfinished or Ongoing Business, item c. Carroll County Times monthly EAC article discussion; d. Rick Anthony study; 2) under New Business – Sustainable Living Fair; and under Announcements from the Chair, c. Panel of 12/13/07; today’s editorial and Carrie Knauer’s article on Solid Waste Management.

2) Cindy Parr advised the Council that Mr. Kent Martin, Lehigh sent a letter dated November 27, 2007, that Lehigh would like to come and update the EAC on New Windsor’s expansion. Ms. Parr asked the EAC to consider this request be added to either January or February, 2008 agenda. Ms. Horosko asked that Lehigh submit the most recent toxic report containing emissions data to the EAC.

3) Cindy Parr also advised the Council plans are to test the waters of Big Pipe Creek upon receiving permission from the Bruceville Road residents.

**OPEN FORUM** – None

**UNFINISHED OR ONGOING BUSINESS:**

**MTBE monthly update:** -Sole update e-mailed to EAC members reported further testing will be done in January, 2008 on Grave Run Road. At the meeting, Mr. Brian Flynn presented additional updates since the e-mail:

- 1) Gamber – Property owner’s original well is contaminated. New well was drilled last week, results pending. No obvious contamination.
- 2) Sheetz #177 in Manchester – Remediation system is in. Infiltration running, but not began.
- 3) Crown in Hampstead – MDE had property owner remove UST, clean and has helped in narrowing down sources

**Review Council “priorities” list developed May 3, 2006 –**

Chair Merkle read the list to the Council removing Smoking In Public and MTBE. Ms. Merkle asked the Council for their thoughts in updating this list.

Several members commented on some issues. Ms. Horosko asked the Council to consider - promoting organic farming in Carroll County, addressing pesticides, herbicides and biogenetic-engineered seeds. Mr. Jim Johnson commented on no-till farming and Mr. Dan Andrews asked that Renewable Energy be placed on this list.

Ms. Kim Petry asked if Carroll County had any visible Brownfields in Carroll County. Ms. Terri Jones and Cindy Parr, at Karen Merkle’s request, will research this topic and report at the January 8, 2008 meeting.

**Carroll County Times monthly articles issue** – This issue was brought up at the November 13, 2007 EAC meeting and tabled until December. Topic was revisited at this meeting with the Council having a mix of opinion on the entire Council reviewing the articles or only two members, as proposed in the following motion.

A motion was made by Sher Horosko, seconded by Jim Johnson.

<p><b>MOTION NO. 39-07:</b> The EAC write a monthly Carroll County Times newspaper column with Sher Horosko serving as Editor. Articles will be reviewed by Chair Merkle and Cindy Parr. Articles may be submitted by any EAC member.</p>
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A lengthy discussion followed. The motion was put to a vote, 3 – Yes; 4 – No; motion denied.

The next item on the agenda was the Rick Anthony study. Report on the status of this study was tabled until the January, 2008 meeting.

**COMMITTEE/WORK TEAM REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Environmental Awareness Awards update** – Ms. Kim Petry advised the awards presentation will be held on April 10, 2008 and the nomination form, criteria, and Public Notice are available on the County website. The press release will be complete by week’s end and anticipate Channel 24 coverage.

**Cool Counties Committee update** – Dan Andrews reported Montgomery County will not come to Carroll County due to one of their key people being ill. Montgomery County gave Mr. Andrews a January 8, 2008 date for Council to visit Montgomery County’s site, if interested.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

Mr. Dan Andrews advised the EAC that Chief of Staff Steve Powell advised him to seek Council review and endorsement regarding the Sustainable Living Fair community event. Dan Andrews stated many volunteers will be needed for this event.

Motion was made by Dan Andrews and seconded by David Pyatt.

**MOTION NO. 40-07:** The EAC endorse and support the Sustainable Living Fair to be held at the Carroll County Farm Museum, May 24, 2008. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS – ISSUES FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Ms. Merkle thanked Sher Horosko, for a very wonderful presentation, on behalf of the EAC, November 15, 2007, to the Board of Commissioners on the Solid Waste issue as well as the time and work done by EAC members in this long, huge process. Ms. Merkle also added good press was given in this open involvement to burn or not to burn.
- Ms. Parr announced that the normal video viewing “hits” are around 100 and this has surpassed 1,000 to date.
- Ms. Merkle announced the upcoming dialogue between DPW, BOC, the press, and the EAC on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 10:30 -12:30 p.m., during the Commissioners’ Open Session. The purpose of this dialogue is to address any remaining concerns the BOC may have.
- Chair Merkle announced the January, 2008 EAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at **3:00 p.m.** in Room 003/004.
- Ms. Merkle announced that the Financial Disclosures will be mailed to Council and need to be returned to the Ethnic Commission no later than January 31, 2008. Ms. Terri Jones indicated she could arrange for a notary to be present at the January meeting should the Council wish to return them at that time.
- Ms. Horosko announced that Frederick County is meeting on Waste To Energy, Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION NO. 41-07:** Motion made by Sher Horosko, seconded by Kim Petry, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting, an afternoon meeting, will be held **Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.** in Room 003/004.

***Please inform the secretary if you are unable to attend***