



# Pennsylvania Outdoor Lighting Council

## Meeting Notes

12/03/08

### Committee Reports:

#### Education/Publicity

- POLC submitted a pre-application to the PA Department of Environmental Protection for an educational grant to develop an anti-light pollution program for school presentation.
- A recent Reading Eagle article on light pollution was discussed.
- A recent article in the Pottstown Mercury featuring POLC member Jim McTish and his light-pollution class at the Owen J. Roberts School District was discussed.

#### Technical Committee

- Representatives from POLC attended the November meeting of the Tilden Township Planning Commission to offer support in revising their sign ordinance to control light pollution.
- A description of the new lighting fixture classification system, BUG was presented. In the design of lighting fixture installations, lighting fixture manufacturers will provide photometric values that will facilitate taking into account the impact of output from the Back of the fixture, Uplight and output in the Glare zone. The previously used cutoff classifications are being phased out.

#### Website

- Site visit activity continues at a strong pace.
- Work on further site upgrade continues.

### Old Business

#### Good Lighting Award

- The discussion continued on developing a Good-Lighting Award program. It was agreed that the Berks County Amateur Astronomical Society would be used as the pilot. Several candidate installations were discussed. Among the selection criteria will be zero off-site glare, automatic shut off, adequate lighting per IES recommended practices and all fixtures fully shielded. A publicity program will be developed with the local media.

#### Lancaster County Municipal Workshop

- The date for the workshop has been set for April 29, 2009 at the Lancaster County Nature Center. The space deposit has been sent in.

## **New Business**

### **Recognition of Member Contribution in 2008**

- A listing of some of the ways members contributed during 2008 was distributed and the members were thanked for their support.
- For the second consecutive year, Barry Johnson received a certificate of recognition for his excellent support to the organization, which, among other things, included participation in 3 county ordinance workshops and the PPA workshop, his role as Treasurer and Webmaster and 100% Board attendance.

### **Evaluation of 2008 Activities**

- The list of 2008 accomplishments and activities was evaluated and rated.

### **Goal Setting for 2009**

- A list of 11 program types for 2009 was considered. The municipal workshops were rated as top priorities.

### **Meeting Schedule for 2009**

- A meeting schedule was distributed. All meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month.

## **Next Meeting:**

The next POLC meeting will be on Wednesday, January 7 at 7:30 p.m., at the National Penn Bank, Bucktown Branch, Community Room, 1111 Ridge Rd., South Coventry Township, Chester Co., PA., 19465. The public is invited to come and learn about good lighting and to have questions answered.