



Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council

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MEETING MINUTES Tuesday December 14th, 2010

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building, 425 Wells Road in Doylestown. In attendance: Ethan Prout, Arnie Feldman, Rick Gaver, Shawn Touhill, Don Richardson, Jeff Fehr and Bill Lloyd. Board of Supervisors Members: E. Thomas Scarborough. Staff Liaison: Sandra B. Zadell and also in attendance, Sinclair Salisbury.

The committee reviewed the Neamond Track Plan. Mr. Feldman reported that Mr. Peters indicated that the committee should pay attention to the storm water management in reviewing this plan. They noted 4 rain gardens on the plan. The committee recesses to join the planning commission meeting at which this plan was being reviewed. When they reconvened Mr. Feldman indicated he would like to see the Phase 1 and Phase two Environmental Site Assessments. The committee has concerns that given the nature of the White Eagle labs there may be environmental issues on this property. Mr. Fehr stated that the committee may want to pay attention to the tanks used on this property but that they can't assume that there is contamination. He agreed that the Phase 1 and/or 2 reports would be useful. The committee decided to send a memo to the planning commission asking for a copy of all environmental documents from the site as well as the Phase 1 and 2 reports. They are also going to ask if they are planning on any further studies of soils, etc and how they will remediate issues if any contamination is found. Mrs. Zadell will prepare the memo and distribute it to the Chair before sending out.

Mr. Lloyd made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prout to approve the November meeting minutes. Motion Passed.

Mr. Salisbury began the discussion on Outdoor Furnace use in the Township. He stated that the state has put out new requirements for use of Outdoor Furnaces, and that their use is also addressed in the uniform construction code. Mr. Feldman suggested we review the requirements put out by the state, he will email them to the other members of the EAC to review. Mr. Fehr asked how many of these units we have in the township. Mr. Salisbury answered that there is one on Oak Leaf Lane that was installed without a permit and has ongoing issues. Luckily it was within 10 feet of another building so Mr. Salisbury was able to require the homeowner to add a higher chimney to remove the smoke. Mr. Salisbury stated it would be better if there were clearer rules on this issue in the township. Mr. Fehr and Mr. Feldman both stated that it would be best to write the township ordinance based on the state ordinance. On a motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Lloyd the committee decided to review the state requirements and create an ordinance to forward to the Board of Supervisors that is consistent with the state requirements.

Mrs. Zadell spoke about contract trash hauling. She did some research over the past month and wanted to report that Chalfont Borough had a very successful transition to a single hauler system using the help of Gannett Fleming, a contractor who helped them write a survey for their residents about the trash hauling system and transition to contract services. This survey and contractor were grant funded. The residents of Chalfont Borough overwhelmingly answered that they would prefer a single hauler system if they could be guaranteed a 20% cost savings. They wrote an RFP and were able to contract with a Hauler who offered the reduced pricing, one a week pick up, recycle bank and good customer service. The contract outlined that if any residents have issues with their service and contact the Borough a representative from the trash company will come to meet with the Borough Manager to resolve the issue. Mrs. Zadell stated that this system seemed like a win for everyone. She asked the committee for

permission to invite a representative from Gannett Fleming to discuss the options at one of the upcoming EAC meetings. They agreed that they would like to hear what they have to say.

Mrs. Zadell reported that the Christmas Tree Recycling pick up program is all set up. Mr. Fehr, Mr. Prout and Mr. Feldman all signed up for the pickup.

The committee discussed Arbor Day. Mrs. Zadell reported that Mr. John stated this Arbor Day we will be planting trees in Central Park at the Game Grove. We think the celebration will be held on April 21, which is great news since it differs from A-Day so hopefully we will be able to find more volunteers.

Mrs. Zadell will email the committee Lower Makefield's Ordinance on Native Plants. This ordinance looks similar to what the EAC would like to forward to the Board for approval. The committee will review and discuss at January's meeting.

The committee tabled the Bird City discussion for January.

Mrs. Zadell reported that starting in January the EAC hour will run at 6 am and 6 pm. She stated she will re-email the link of the water videos to the EAC so that they can vote on them at their meeting in January.

The committee discussed the end of year report that the EAC gives to the Board of supervisors at their first meeting in February. Mr. Peters asked for a volunteer to give the report. Mr. Feldman volunteered to do the report and Mr. Prout volunteered to be his back up.

Mrs. Zadell told the committee about Project 350, a grant that we partnered with Bucks County Conservation district on. The grant is basically a county wide self guided tour for park visitors to go to cool environmental education sites. The EEA will be included and on a designated day in 2011 we will need volunteers to man the area and help educate visitors.

The committee reviewed Mr. Lloyds request to attend the Shigo Tree Institute, but it is over booked so he can't attend.

The committee welcomed its newest member Shawn Touhill. They also thanked Rick Gaver for his contributions over the years to the EAC, he will be missed, but stated he would still volunteer when we need him.

The EAC discussed the Chem Fab report. They would like to invite the EPA to come to one of their next EAC meetings to review their reports. Mr. Feldman will forward Mrs. Zadell the information he wants from EPA and Mrs. Zadell will make the arrangements.

The EAC reviewed the Lukoil spill information and requests a copy of the original notification from the property owner regarding the spill. They specifically want to know what was spilled and how much was spilled. Mrs. Zadell will locate the letter and forward it to the EAC.

Mr. Richardson gave his review as the Open Space Liaison. He brought up the issue a resident raised of wanting the township to help maintain ponds on private property and collect easements in those areas. He stated, and the EAC agreed that that is too great of an undertaking of maintenance for the Township.

On a motion made by Mr. Lloyd, and seconded by Mr. Gaver the committee adjourned.