

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes May 8, 2012

In Attendance: Keith Peters, Chairman, Ethan Prout, Vice Chairman, Don Richardson, William Lloyd, Kevin Brand, Ray Hendrick, and guest Vinti Singh, reporter.

On a motion made Mr. Prout, seconded by Mr. Brand the minutes of the April 10, 2012 meeting were approved.

There were no plans to review

In unfinished business:

- A. Trash Grant - Gannet-Fleming will be calling EAC members to discuss the trash survey. They will working on a report. We can expect some initial information for discussion before our June meeting.
- B. Bird Town – Mr. Hendrick indicated the bird house project was successful at the Arbor Day/NCLI event at Central Park on Saturday, April 28, 2012. He is uncertain how many birdhouses were completed and what the ultimate plans are for them. He would like the EAC to inquire about the quantity and planned locations for these. He recommended that the new 202 bypass would be an ideal location for these birdhouses. On a motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, the EAC voted to will send a memo to Mr. John about both of these concerns.
- C. Mr. Hendrick also expressed concern that the proposed path of the sensory trail near the EEA disturbs the nesting habitat of a specific species of rare woodpeckers. He would like the EAC to determine whether the trail path is fixed and/or whether the timing of work on the trail can be done at times other than when the area is home to these woodpeckers. On a motion by Mr. Prout, seconded by Mr. Richardson, the EAC will send a memo to the Park and Rec board about these concerns.
- D. Historic Trees – Mr. Peters reported that in presenting the EAC memo to the Board of Supervisors, they would prefer a celebratory program as opposed to a punitive ordinance. The idea seems to be to assemble an inventory of significant trees and to share this inventory with other township boards and commissions to hopefully prevent the loss of these assets through a lack of knowledge of these assets existence. Along with this inventory, the EAC hopes to encourage protection of these assets by establishing some recognition of residents who own and care for these assets. Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Richardson will work on assembling an inventory of significant trees as well as recommendations on how to recognize residents.

- E. Bucks-Mont EAC summit – everything seems to be progressing smoothly towards the May 17th event. There are currently 27 RSVPs, which include both Township and Boro attendees.
- F. Act 13 – The EAC decided to hold off on further action in regards to issuing a memo to the Board of Supervisors in light of the many amendments to Act 13 still being debated and the premature nature of a memo at this time.

Under New Business

- A. Leaf/Yard Waste – We do not have any volunteers for 5/19. We do not have any volunteers for 7/21. Mr. Brand has volunteered for the 6/16 drop-off date, and Mr. Lloyd has volunteered for the 8/18 date.
- B. World Wildlife Fund- Earth Hour City Challenge – There has been no further action by the resident addressing this issue. It is a yearlong challenge among cities to address extreme weather and to promote renewable energy. Without a proponent, the EAC decided to discontinue discussion of this program.
- C. Mr. Richardson indicated an availability and desire to attend an upcoming seminar on water issues at Delaware Valley College. He would like to bring any pertinent information back to our EAC. The cost to attend is \$20. Upon motion by Mr. Prout and seconded by Mr. Brand, the EAC voted to pay for Mr. Richardson to attend.

Under Correspondence

- A. The EAC discussed and decided there was no desire to attend the PEC dinner in Philadelphia

On a motion made by Mr. Prout, seconded by Mr. Lloyd the committee voted to adjourn at 8:25pm.