

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**July 9, 2013**

**In Attendance:** Ray Hendricks, Chairman; Sean Sablosky, Vice Chairman; Jeannine Mitchell and Jeff Fehr. Committee Members; Tom Scarborough, Board of Supervisors Liaison; Rick Colello, Board of Supervisors Member and Sandra Brookley Zadell, Assistant Township Manager, Staff Liaison.

On motion of Mr. Sablosky, seconded by Mr. Hendricks the meeting minutes from June 11, 2013 were approved.

**Blueberry Hill Site Modification Plan:** On a motion made by Mr. Fehr, seconded by Mr. Sablosky, the EAC stated that they have no comments on the Blueberry Hill Site Modification Plan at this time.

**Draft RFP Single Hauler Trash Issue:** Mr. Hendricks commented that he really wants to look at this issue from an environmental angle; cost really doesn't fall under the EAC purview. When we do get a quorum he would like to move on with this issue and take some definitive action.

Mr. Sablosky sent a memo to the EAC Members via email regarding the possibility of the Township losing recycling efficiency if we went with a contract trash hauler. His memo stated that the companies that are usually the most efficient recyclers are not usually the ones that go after trash contracts. The companies that are better known for contracts in the trash field tend to have less recycling efficiency. He feels that this is an important fact that we need to know when thinking about the trash issue.

Mr. Fehr stated that most of our environmental concerns and anything else can be handled in a RFP process. In the Whitemarsh model he stated you split the trash and recycling contracts into two separate contracts so the efficiency can be handled in the RFP. For instance you can require that whoever bids for the contract has a certain recycling efficiency.

Mr. Hendricks stated that maybe we could incorporate Mr. Sablosky's comments into our cover memo.

Mr. Fehr stated that he thinks Ms. McGowan's memo is good but it does not distinguish between the Chalfont model and the Whitemarsh model RFP's. He thinks we need to add the two different models to the memo to explain the differences and the different type of program that each model would offer. Otherwise, he feels her memo really summarizes our process very well.

Mrs. Zadell commented that she did have some concerns regarding the staffing requirements in the Whitemarsh model versus the Chalfont model.

Mr. Fehr volunteered to add a paragraph regarding the two different model types to the cover memo and distribute via email this month.

Mrs. Zadell asked Mr. Fehr if he had come up with any research to discuss on the issue that was cited in the paper a few months ago regarding battery recycling.

Mr. Fehr will do the research and get back to us.

Mrs. Zadell will follow up on the EAC Hour bird videos.

Ms. Mitchell presented about the Demonstration Garden, she took her memo to the Park & Rec Board earlier today. They had some concerns about balls from soccer fields interfering with the Demonstration Garden, but otherwise the Park & Rec Board really supports the concept of a native plant demonstration garden.

Mrs. Zadell stated that she will set up a meeting for late July with Richard John, Director of Operations; Karen Sweeney, Director of Parks and Rec; Jeanine Mitchell and herself to move forward with the Demonstration Garden.

Ms. Mitchell made a report on Birdtown. She did get one request for a Birdtown Backyard Native Assessment from attending a concert and had a question about resident's easement.

Mrs. Zadell stated that she would get back to her about those questions.

The Committee tabled the Great Trees issue.

Mr. Hendricks spoke about the EAC Summit; he felt that we had a great turnout. We received several email of thanks and he felt really good about it.

Mrs. Zadell will contact Doylestown Borough for reimbursement for the refreshments for their half of the cost from the Summit.

Mr. Hendricks spoke about environmental areas in the park. He would like to designate sensitive environmental areas and will attend the August meeting of the Park and Rec Board to discuss this.

Mrs. Zadell will design sign prototypes, for Mr. Hendricks's use in discussing the sensitive environmental areas with the Park and Rec Board.

Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Hendricks will supply Mrs. Zadell with verbiage for the signs and they will present to the Park and Rec Board once they create a memo that is emailed to the EAC.

Mr. Sablosky discussed the magnet fund raiser that we discussed last month.

Mrs. Zadell suggested that the committee design program with detailed requirements requirements.

Mr. Sablosky, Mr. Hendricks and Ms. Mitchell committed to meet and discuss this idea and come up with more guidelines.

Mr. Sablosky asked Mrs. Zadell to provide an 11x17 map of Central Park in the EAC mailbox for use at our meetings. Mrs. Zadell will do so.

The Committee discussed the Riparian Buffer issues at Delaware Valley College, Mr. Richardson was not in attendance but he is the one committed to follow up on that issue.

The Committee discussed getting a video on the EAC Hour about mosquito control.

Mrs. Zadell will provide Mr. Hendricks with Bill Smith's phone number to talk to him about that.

The EAC would like to see a recent article Saving Bucks that ran in the Intelligencer to be rerun in our Township Newsletter. Mrs. Zadell will contact the Intelligencer to see if that is possible.

Ms. Mitchell committed to writing an article about native trees and shrubs with a Birdtown slant for the Fall Newsletter.

Mr. Sablosky brought up the Burning Ban Ordinance and shared with the Committee Radnor Township's ordinance. Mr. Sablosky stated that his issue is that every trash day he sees many people throwing away sticks and yard waste in their trash. He also stated that 25% of landfill space is taken up by yard waste. He presented the Radnor Township Ordinance to show that other townships are handling the open burning ban differently.

Mrs. Zadell will email the Township's Open Burning Ordinance to the EAC prior to the next meeting. This issue will be put on the next agenda.

On a motion made by Mr. Fehr, seconded by Mr. Hendricks the committee adjourned at 8:38PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Brookley Zadell, Assistant Township Manager