

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes
August 13, 2013

In Attendance: Ray Hendrick, Chairman; Jeannine Mitchell, Jeff Fehr, Don Richardson and Bill Lloyd, Committee Members; Tom Scarborough, Board of Supervisors Liaison; Rick Colello, Board of Supervisors Member, Karen Sweeney, Director of Parks and Recreation and Sandra Brookley Zadell, Assistant Township Manager, Staff Liaison.

On motion made by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. Fehr the July 9th meeting minutes were approved.

Draft RFP Single Hauler Trash Issue:

Mr. Fehr's draft memo additions were deemed appropriate for sending on to the Board of Supervisors. On a motion made by Mr. Fehr, seconded by Mr. Lloyd the committee voted to forward the memo and package of items related to a single trash hauler to the Board of Supervisors. The motion passed.

Mrs. Zadell will prepare the packet of information for the EAC's approval at their next meeting. Mr. Hendrick will attend the Board of Supervisors meeting to present this topic.

Video Proposals: Mr. Hendrick reported that Delaware Valley College has a large library of videos regarding environmental issues. He will bring some videos to the next EAC meeting so we can move forward with scheduling them for the EAC hour. Once he provides the videos, Mrs. Zadell will check on the permissions.

Birding Issues: Mr. Lloyd reported he had an interesting link to an article by Howard Eskin on Birds. This led to the committee's discussion that they would like to create an EAC webpage on our township site. Mrs. Zadell will work on this over the next few months.

ID Sensitive Environmental Areas in Central Park: Ms. Sweeney reported that Mr. Hendrick attended the Park and Recreation Board meeting this evening and they support the idea of identifying sensitive areas during the nesting seasons along Harts Woods and the Neamand Trail. Mr. Hendrick and Mrs. Zadell will work to design the signs for placement in the parks. Mrs. Zadell stated that the EAC would need to craft a memo for the Board of Supervisors and send with it examples of the signs. She and Mr. Hendrick will work on the signs and memo.

Mr. Hendrick asked that Ms. Sweeney let him know when the construction begins.

Birdtown/Demo Garden: Ms. Mitchell reported on her meeting this month with Mr. John and Ms. Zadell regarding the demonstration garden. After speaking with Mr. John she believes the best idea is to keep the first demo garden near the birdblind. Mr. John did make it clear that due to staffing constraints the Township would not be able to handle

this installation now. Ms. Mitchel stated that we could use volunteers to install and maintain the garden, and solicit donations for the plants. She would like to install a sign at the garden like the other signs in the EEA, that explains the garden. Ms. Zadell will solicit grant funding to fund the sign.

In the future Mr. John was supportive of adding a sunny demonstration garden.

Ms. Mitchell will finalize a memo for the EAC to send to the BOS for approval of the garden installation for the next meeting. She also reported that she will not be able to attend the September or October meetings of the EAC.

Great Trees: Mr. Lloyd will have a report for us on this next month.

Magnet/Decal Fundraiser- Mr. Hendrick will attempt to set up a meeting with Mr. Sablosky and Ms. Mitchell this this month to work on this issue.

Riparian Buffer: Ms. Mitchell would like the EAC to coordinate a mailing to our residents who live along the Buffer. She found a great brochure, “25 Ways to Protect Your Streams and Streamside Property”. She will order more of the brochures and wants to create a letter to mail with them to residents. On a motion made by Ms. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Richardson the EAC voted to prepare a letter to send to residents along the riparian buffer. The motion passed.

Big Green Box Update: Mr. Fehr discussed he recent email and research on the issue of battery recycling. Basically DEP and EPA do not require the recycling of regular household batteries. That does not totally clarify the issue though. The EAC still needs to ascertain if its environmentally beneficial to recycle these batteries. Ms. Zadell will contact the Big Green Box to get more information on how the actually recycle the batteries. The EAC will re-evaluate at their next meeting.

Mosquito Control: Mr. Hendrick spoke to Phil Smith about the mosquito program at the county and possible videos they have available. Mr. Smith spoke about some Lyme Disease videos that he thought would be good for our Channel. Mr. Hendrick will follow up on it.

Open Burning: Mr. Hendrick brought the film, “An Inconvenient Truth” to the meeting. He wants to ask Mr. Sablosky if he will watch it because he thinks it outlines some support for our open burning stance. Mr. Hendrick will bring it again next month.

Mr. Hendrick reported he is participating in an amphibian and reptile survey this year. Mrs. Zadell will help him with it, as it requires some computer technology.

Mr. Hendrick discussed Kellie McGowan’s resignation and thanked her for her service on the EAC. She will be missed.

On a motion made by Mr. Lloyd seconded by Mr. Richardson the committee adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Brookley Zadell, Assistant Township Manager

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