

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2013

In Attendance: Ray Hendrick, Committee Chairman/Ornithologist/Botanist; Jeannine Mitchell, Jeff Fehr, Bill Lloyd. Also in attendance: Tom Scarborough, Board of Supervisors Liaison; Rick Colello, Board of Supervisors member and Sandra Zadell Staff Liaison.

There was no quorum at this meeting.

Opening Remarks: Mr. Hendrick welcomed the committee and stated that he appreciates the opportunity to be the Chairman of the EAC. He stated that he regrets Mr. Peters resignation; he is a great guy and put a lot of work into the EAC over the years. He also stated that he hopes the EAC can continue to work towards their purpose of monitoring the environment to better the health, wellbeing and welfare of the township. He also stated the EAC is a great team, and he looks forward to working with everyone. Mr. Hendrick said he would like to try to keep the meeting/agenda on track and end under 1.5 hours.

Trash: Mr. Hendrick stated that he wants to table the trash topic to the next meeting since there is not quorum tonight. Mrs. Zadell will contact Ms. McGowan to ask for the draft RFP and memo for circulation for the April meeting.

EAC Hour Videos: Mr. Hendrick suggested utilizing several different nesting animal web streams. The committee suggested Peregrine Falcon Fund, Golden Eagle nests, Ducks Unlimited, and PA DEP Falcon info. Ms. Zadell will check into these streams and see if we can utilize them on the channel. She will report back to the committee next month. Mr. Hendrick also asked that EAC members gather more content and bring it for the next meeting.

Bird walk: Mr. Hendrick reported that there are 20 registrations so far. He also reported that he met with the Warrington Township EAC. Ms. Mitchell suggested that we may be able to utilize the Birdtown power point on our Government Access Channel. The committee discussed options for educating the public about Birdtown.

Historic Trees: The committee decided that using the word “historic” is misleading. They want to call the trees “significant” or “record” trees.

2013 Summit: The summit will be held May 23rd from 7-9 pm. Mr. Hendrick will follow up with the Borough and see what topics they are interested in. The EAC is interested in Birdtown being a topic. The EAC would like Ms. Zadell to forward last year’s EAC Summit invite to the members to see what they should do for this year.

Composting Seminar: Mr. Lloyd has scheduled the Penn State Cooperative Extension to present a Seminar in September at the Township Building. Mrs. Zadell will make sure it gets included in the fall newsletter and Programming Guide.

Arbor Day/Tree City: Ms. Zadell reported that the tree planting will be held April 27th and we will be planting in front of Del Val. Mr. Fehr, Mr. Hendrick, Mr. Scarborough and Ms. Mitchell all said they could attend. Mr. Fehr pointed out that this will not be the best time for that location since Del Val will be hosting A-Day. Mrs. Zadell will check with Mr. John about an alternate date/location.

Sensitive Environmental Areas in Parks: Mr. Hendrick spoke with Peace Valley Nature center and the PA Game Commission about how they handle this issue. They designate special taped off areas and include site signage about the creatures they are trying to protect. He would like to see us do something similar in the Big Woods above Kids Castle and the creek next to Kids Castle in Central Park.

Battery Recycling Program: Mrs. Zadell reported that the Bucks County Planning Commission had an article in the Intelligencer which states that household batteries should be thrown out rather than recycled because the recycling has a more negative impact than throwing them out. Mr. Fehr will investigate this claim and report on the issue at our April meeting.

The committee adjourned at 8:10 pm.