

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Notes by Autumn Canfield**  
**July 12th, 2016**

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In Attendance: EAC Members: Anne Woodbury, Jeannine Mitchell, Sean Sablosky, Marty Brooks;  
Supervisor: Shawn Touhill; Autumn Canfield (Special Projects Coordinator), Stephanie Mason (Manager)

Mr. Brooks called meeting to order: 7:00pm

**Minutes Approval**

Mr. Brooks questioned the paragraph referencing him bringing a calendar to the meeting stating it was not his. The paragraph will be removed. With this correction, Mrs. Woodbury motioned to approve the minutes and Mrs. Mitchell seconded. All present in favor.

**Plan Review**

Plans for the Enclave at Town's Edge were reviewed by Mr. Richardson. The plant material cited on the plan has Sassafras of large caliber (3"). Mr. Brooks is concerned due to the difficulty of transplanting this particular species at this size since it does not have an adequate root system to do so. The suggestion would be to not place plants on the list that cannot be obtained. Mrs. Mason said that our consultants are very good at ensuring the proper plants are used and that nothing will fall to the wayside.

Plans for 651 N. Shady Retreat Rd. were reviewed by Mr. Brooks. While not all plants are native, it is not a requirement that they are so there is no recommendation on this plan.

**New Business**

Chairman- At the previous meeting, Mr. Hendrick resigned as the Chairman of the EAC. The committee needs to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for appointment of a new Chairman. Mr. Sablosky has seniority. Mrs. Mitchell already heads numerous projects and does not feel inclined to take on Chairman as well. Mr. Richardson has expressed disinterest in the position as well to Mrs. Mason. Mr. Sablosky suggested an interim situation where he would take over as Chairman to keep the committee on a productive tract, but would happily step aside should someone desire the position. Mrs. Mitchell motioned to have Mr. Sablosky act as interim Chairman until a replacement steps up. Mrs. Woodbury seconded and all present were in favor.

Projects- Mr. Hendrick headed numerous projects as Chairman of the EAC. Replacements to oversee these projects should be considered due to his absence. The Bluebird boxes and trail will need maintaining. At the moment, there is no one to oversee this but a replacement will be discussed further in the future. Mr. Brooks will visit properties of owners interested in the record tree program. Mrs. Mitchell will continue the bird walk series as she already hosts them for younger children from Kutz elementary. Continuation of participation in newsletter article submissions will be a group effort.

**Old Business**

Fall Speaker Series- The Committee still wishes to have Doug Tallamy speak for the Fall Speakers Series. It was suggested that dates be obtained soon for his availability as he most likely books up presentations quickly. Options for funding include a door charge, a partnership and a sponsorship. The Committee hopes to hold this talk sometime in October. Mrs. Canfield will reach out to Mr. Tallamy to discuss his

availability and typical size of his audience to plan for the appropriate venue.

Signage- Mrs. Canfield brought revised signs for the Committee to review. The Parks and Recreation Board approved the signs for the park. The middle panel with redundant information about succession had been replaced with information on meadow composition. The committee was pleased with this change. After further review, the EAC suggested the Clouded Sulphur Butterfly and Checkered Skipper Butterfly pictures be replaced with more colorful and easily found species, specifically the Red Admiral and the Yellow Swallowtail. The committee will take home the signs for further review and proofreading before final approval is given.

Native Garden- The Committee will reach out to Mr. Buccarelli to see if he has a large boulder with a natural indent that can be added to the Native Garden area. Mr. Brooks is also looking for one.

Fall Birdwalk- Mrs. Mitchell would like the fall bird walk to be on October 1<sup>st</sup>. She will check with Mrs. Sweeney for scheduling.

Pa Hort Society- Mrs. Mitchell was contacted by Laurie Curtis of the Pa Horticultural Society. On July 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am, there will be a meeting at the Native Garden as it was nominated for an award for Environmental Initiative.

Mr. Hendrick gave Mrs. Woodbury an announcement that NYSOA appropriated \$500,000 for a meadow restoration in croton Point Park. It may be valuable to look at potential comparable funding sources for our own projects here.

Mrs. Mitchell suggested a pocket meadow program where Kutz Elementary could plant milkweed next to their parking lot. She will get in touch with her contact at the school to discuss the project. She also brought a variety of material to the meeting that she had in her files but felt would better be filed at the Township. These items included speaker lists as well as attendance lists and video content from previous bird walks and native garden planting. These can be used as resources in the future when speakers or footage is needed. She also brought the riparian buffer pamphlet that was mailed to streamside homeowners in the past for education. It was suggested that a similar project take place and that the "We All live Downstream" pamphlet be used as Mr. Mitchell is one of the co-authors and it can be distributed freely.

In old files, a document was found depicting a potential fundraiser where magnets could be sold. This project fell to the wayside and the committee feels the project should be revitalized for 2017. The design was well received but minor changes were suggested such as using plant material common to the area and a more realistic blue bird picture. Mrs. Canfield will attempt to find the document and proceed with getting quotes for cost of the project.

### **Other**

The next meeting of this committee will be held August 9th, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Autumn Canfield  
Special Projects Coordinator