

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Notes by Autumn Canfield
February 14, 2017

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In Attendance: EAC Members: Sean Sablosky, Chairman; Jim Baldassarre; Don Richardson, Vice Chairman; Anne Woodbury; Dr. Tanya Casas; Jeannine Mitchell; Shawn Touhill, Supervisor Liaison, Others: Stephanie Mason, Township Manager; Dave Tomko, Director of Operations

Mr. Sablosky called meeting to order and welcomed Mr. Baldassarre, new member. Mr. Sablosky indicated that Steve Saffier from Bird Town was unavailable to attend tonight's meeting due to a death in his family, but plans on attending the March meeting.

Minutes Approval – 1/10/17

Mr. Richardson motioned to approve the minutes and Ms. Woodbury seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Woodbury indicated that she would like to see a copy of the Budget status provided at each meeting. Consensus of the Committee was to have that provided.

Plan Reviews

Pine Run Community- New Community Hub – that was previously reviewed.

Metro Storage – The EAC reviewed the plan. There was a concern raised about the list of evergreen trees. They would like to see more native trees from the ordinance in the evergreen category being used. In addition, they would like to beef up the riparian buffer area with additional plantings.

Recommendation is to have a memo sent to the Planning Commission addressing the concerns.

New Business

PAR Recycle Works

Ms. Mason reviewed the information from PAR Recycle Works. They recycle electronics and restoring lives. This is a 501C3 organization that assists in providing recently released incarcerated people to learn job skills by doing electronic recycling. It is free to host an e-recycling event, except there is a \$30 charge for CRT monitors and conventional TVs.

The EAC discussed the matter and recommended having April 22, 2017, as an e-recycling day in the Township.

Old Business

Native Garden Update

Ms. Mitchell provided the Committee with the 2017 Work Schedule. The cleanup days will be held the last Saturday of the month, 9AM-11AM. She indicated at each date focuses on when they need the hose to be brought out as well as what materials will be needed. Having the list for the entire year will allow the EAC to promote those work days in the Native Garden on the Township's website and Facebook page, etc.

Magnet Fundraiser

Ms. Sablosky donated the first 500 magnets and everyone liked the magnets and they are being sold for \$5.00. Mr. Sablosky would like to get Mr. Hendricks address and he is going to send or stop by in Delaware and provide Ray with a magnet.

EAC Conference

The date of the conference is May 4-6, 2017 in Lancaster. If anyone is interested in signing up please let Autumn Canfield know.

Land Ethics Symposium

Three people have registered for the Land Ethics Symposium and their tickets were provided to them.

Riparian Corridor Mailing

Ms. Woodbury did a nice job with the letter and the comments from Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Richardson were very helpful. Mr. Sablosky directed Ms. Woodbury and Ms. Mitchell to work together to finalize the letter for mailing. Once it is finalized, the letter along with the brochure can be mailed to the residents impacted by the riparian corridor. He hopes that this can be done prior to the next meeting.

Fall Speaker Series Event

Ms. Woodbury indicated that Michael Catonni, who is in charge of Duke Farms, might be a potential speaker and also a gentleman from Mt. Cuba.

Ms. Mitchell suggested focusing on something relating to nature and children. She looked into the possibility of having Richard Luv, who wrote "Last Child in the Woods" and "Vitamin N". He is from California. However, he charges \$15,000.

Ms. Mitchell also thought of a millennial Cheryl Charles, from Vermont, but again could be expensive.

Mr. Sablosky suggested contacting the Academy of Nature Sciences and perhaps getting a speaker from the museum. The EAC will continue to pursue speakers.

EAC Summit

Since the Township Building will be under renovations by the time the Summit rolls around, Ms. Canfield reached out to Doylestown Borough to see if they could host the Summit. They will not be meeting until the 21st of this month and will be able to advise us at the next meeting.

Township Bicentennial

Ms. Woodbury suggested with the Township's 200th Anniversary coming up in 2018, she suggested that the EAC do a project where we plant 200 oak trees as part of the bicentennial celebration.

Ms. Mitchell indicated that she was hoping as part of the bicentennial celebration the Native Garden could be dedicated. The Committee likes the idea of the 200 oak trees being planted. How this is accomplished needs to be vetted more. Perhaps having individual homeowners plant a tree.

Mr. Sablosky wondered if there is a way to help them in purchasing a tree, etc. There was a discussion regarding whether it was better to plant bare root or balled a burlaped trees. Sort of create an Oak Tree Challenge. Maybe having the 200th planted at the Township. This matter will be discussed at future

meetings.

Sign for the Meadow

February 23, 2017 Ms. Canfield had left a note that representatives from the EAC need to meet with Mr. Froehlich to determine the placement of the sign for the meadow. The meeting will occur at 8:00 AM. They will need the Gator to available to take everyone out to the meadow.

Founder Selection

Ms. Casas reminded the EAC that Berry, Branches and Blooms will be hosted at Delaware Valley University on Wednesday evening.

Meadow Mowing

Mr. Tomko wanted clarification from the EAC on the number of times the meadow should be mowed. It was agreed that it should be mowed once in March.

Olde Colonial Green

Mr. Richardson brought up the situation with Old Colonial Green. Ms. Mason indicated that that is an enforcement action. And they are working to address the situation.

It was the consensus of Committee to write an article for the next newsletter on the zoning permit needed to remove more than 10 healthy trees.

Other

The next meeting of this committee will be held March 14th 2017.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Mason