

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes
October 11, 2011

In Attendance: Keith Peters, Chairman, Ethan Prout, Don Richardson, Kelly McGowan and E Thomas Scarborough, Board of Supervisors Liaison. Also in attendance: Rick Colello, Board of Supervisors and Sandra Zadell, Assistant Township Manager.

The committee did not have quorum.

The committee reviewed the Trash Survey; Mrs. Zadell reported that there are approximately 380 responses at this point and that she is hoping to see more after the next Winter Newsletter goes out.

Mr. Peters broached the topic of the Township website and noted that he had found an area in the History Section where the numbers and information is from 2008. Mrs. Zadell will have the Township intern update those numbers.

The EAC discussed the Birdtown program. Mrs. Zadell reported that the Board of Supervisors approved moving forward with Birdtown and Mr. Peters reported that he would have Bill Lloyd contact Birdtown to see what is the next step. Mrs. Zadell will include messages about Birdtown on the website, TV and next newsletter.

Mr. Peters brought up the Historic Trees issue. The EAC wants to make sure they have an understanding of where the Board of Supervisors would like to go with the Historic Tree Ordinance. Mr. Peters will prepare a memo to the Board of Supervisors to gather understanding of what they are looking for.

Mr. Peters reported that Mr. Touhill is our representative on the Neshaminy Watershed Alliance and he will update us at the next meeting on the Riparian Buffers Project and Plantings.

EAC reviewed Mr. Peters suggested 2012 Year of Planned Action. Mr. Peters reported that a lot of other Board & Commissions in the Township utilize a year of planned action plan to keep on topic. The committee decided that as long as it is a flexible plan they will follow it. They would like to include it with each agenda.

The Committee reviewed the Pavilion at Furlong Plans, during the review process Ms. McGowan asked about a check list of SALDO requirements. Mr. Peters stated that in the past the EAC has tried twice to put together a check list but they really have not come up with one yet. Ms. McGowan will look at our SALDO and see if she can come up with a check list for everyone to use.

The Committee discussed the newsletter articles for the Winter/Spring addition of the newsletter. Mr. Prout reported that he already submitted the article by himself and Mr.

Fehr's article to Mrs. Zadell. Mr. Richardson agreed that he would prepare an Invasive Species article and Mrs. Zadell will include a Shred Event Box in the newsletter. Mr. Peters also stated that we should include something about Birdtown.

The Committee briefly discussed the CFL conversion of light bulbs and decided that it is not a major issue for the EAC to tackle at this time.

Mr. Peters did state that he would like the other members to look at the Township website at the Mission Statement of the EAC. They should come to the next meeting prepared to comment on any changes they request. He is also hoping that the members could look at finding some more interesting programming for the Government Access Channel EAC Hour. Mr. Peters reviewed that any pertinent issue to do with the environment would be great so that we could have a more diverse hour. Mrs. Zadell stated that the EPA and DEP have plenty of informational videos on line that could be utilized.

Mr. Peters called attention to the fact that the EAC again does not have quorum. He has looked into the Skype and Facetime as options to help ensure that the EAC has quorum in the future and figured out that PC can use Skype but not Facetime and iPads can use Skype or Facetime, they think they will move forward with using Skype to help bolster quorum.

The EAC then discussed the Black Walnut quarantine in the County that was brought up at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. Peters reported that since it is not easy to recognize the wood, and we are not transporting the wood out of the County there is really no reason for the Township to be concerned with it.

Mr. Richardson gave a short update on the Open Space Committee. We are looking at Open Space easements for three different properties. He will have more to report next month.

The committee adjourned at 7:20pm.

