

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes
November 14, 2011

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

Minutes

On motion made by Ms. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Richardson the minutes from the September 13, 2011 meeting were approved.

On motion of Mr. Touhill, seconded by Mr. Prout the meeting notes of the October 11, 2011 meeting were approved.

Ventresca Sketch Plan

After discussion a motion was made by Ms. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Richardson to furnish a memo to the Planning Commission and the applicant stating that the EAC favors the concept of the cluster development use as a way to facilitate the preservation of open space. The motion passed.

Eastburn Tract

After discussion of the plan and the waiver list the EAC decided to send a memo to the Planning Commission and the developer stating that there is no comment from the EAC at this time.

Thompson Parking Lot

After discussion the EAC requested that Mrs. Zadell furnish a memo to the Planning Commission and the developer that states that they install storm drain markers and that the developer provides some clarification regarding the storm water on page two it refers to a "detention basin subsection". The EAC is confused because the plan only really indicates that there is an underground infiltration basin.

Trash Survey Results

Mrs. Zadell reported that there were 424 responses the last time that she looked; we are getting very close to our goal of 600 responses.

Leaf & Yard Waste November

Mr. Peters stated that there were over 100 people that attended the Leaf & Yard Waste collection due to the recent storms which is a much higher than the usual attendance.

The EAC asked Mrs. Zadell if she could speak with Mr. John to see if we could get the Leaf & Yard Waste dates for about 12 months in advance for 2012. Mrs. Zadell will check with Mr. John for the next meeting and get back to the committee.

Birdtown

The committee discussed Birdtown. Mr. Peters presented a plaque that they received that proclaimed Doylestown Township as a Birdtown and also a press release that he would like distributed. Mrs. Zadell mentioned that she still needed the Birdtown invoice; Mr. Peters will follow up with Birdtown and get the invoice. Mrs. Zadell will follow up and get the press release issued this week and also put a note for the next Board of Supervisors meeting that the plaque should be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

Historic Tree Ordinance

Mr. Peters will be preparing a memo for the EAC packet at their December meeting to go to the Board of Supervisors meeting in January, asking the Board of Supervisors for clarity on what type of Historic Tree Ordinance they would like to work towards, do they want a punitive or celebratory ordinance.

Doylestown Creek Coalition

Mr. Touhill discussed the Doylestown Creek Coalition and the clean ups they have been doing at the Pine Run Creek. They are working to do more education for the Riparian Buffer owner. They have been working with Heritage Conservancy but they need more help educating residents. The EAC brainstormed and came up with the idea of an article in the newsletter, information about the Riparian Buffer program on our website and cable channel. Mr. Touhill will provide Mrs. Zadell with a memo detailing the clean-up events for the storm water program and Mr. Touhill will also work on a newsletter article for the December 10th deadline.

Website

Mr. Peters presented the new website description that he put together for the EAC description on our Township website. On a motion made by Mr. Touhill, seconded by Mr. Prout they adopted the new web description. The motion passed.

Newsletter Articles

After discussing the upcoming newsletter articles they decided to remove the Marcellus Shale article. Mr. Touhill will do a Riparian Buffer article, Mrs. Zadell will make sure there will be an informational box for the Shred Event and Mr. Lloyd will work on a Birdtown article.

Outdoor Wood Furnace Ordinance

Mr. Peters pointed out several typos in the Outdoor Wood Furnace Ordinance; Mrs. Zadell will pass those on to Ms. Mason.

Year of Planned Action

They reviewed the Year of Planned Action that was in their packet, by consensus they decided to go ahead with some of the items that were on the Year of Planned Action including the EAC Summit in May 2012.

Plan Review Checklist

Ms. McGowan and Mr. Peters reported that they are still working on a Plan Review Checklist. Ms. McGowan is reviewing the different ordinances and rules in our SALDO to make sure the Plan Review Checklist includes everything and makes sense for the review process. She is especially focusing ordinance provisions that are discretionary for the Board of Supervisors because that is where the EAC comments can have the most impact.

Meeting Time 2012

The EAC then discussed the meeting time for 2012, on a motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Prout they decided to move their meeting time to 7pm, on the second Tuesday of the month. Mrs. Zadell will let Ms. Mason know for the reorganization packet.

Mr. Peters stated that residents seem to be having trouble with the direction to get to the Leaf & Yard Waste drop off site. He thinks perhaps a more permanent banner or sign option would help to get people to the correct site. Mrs. Zadell will speak with Mr. John to see what he recommends.

Mr. Peters also suggested a type of "frequent flyer" card for residents who use the Leaf & Yard Waste drop off often so that they can just show the car and drive up, they would not have to stop and show that they are a resident, etc. he will continue to explore that option.

On motion of Mr. Touhill, seconded by Ms. McGowan the meeting adjourned at 8:07pm, the motion passed.